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TRAFFIC PROBLEM

THE latest traffic education campaign is over and the Traffic Department are to be complimented on their realistic and efficient approach to one of the Colony's growing problems. The results cannot be gauged by statistics as, even though the casualty figures may well prove to be far higher at the end of the next reckoning, the Colony's population and vehicle registration will also have increased.

Last year there were 131 deaths and 4,290 injured, not counting slight casualties, only requiring minor treatment. These are hard figures, but what of the cold, hard facts of responsibility which caused most of them?

Superintendent Morrison of the Traffic Department, points out that the greatest number of casualties last year was caused by pedestrians dashing out from behind pillars, parked vehicles and other objects and children not under proper control.

RESPONSIBILITY

It would therefore seem that the major responsibility lies with the pedestrian, but while this might be so, especially in the narrow built-up areas of the Colony, it does not exonerate drivers.

All too often the careless or inconsiderate driver is either involved in, or causes an accident which could easily have been avoided had the driver adhered to the code of the road and this also involves a moral responsibility applicable to road users and pedestrians alike.

That the rising casualty rate must be reduced is obvious, but how to do so poses other questions which require solution. On the surface there appears to be a lack of traffic police patrolling the highways and this is a problem for the Police Commissioner to settle in conjunction with the Finance Committee as it probably involves an increase in establishment.

The imposition of heavy penalties as a deterrent is questionable as an overall solution. The doubtful part is that while a heavy fine or sentence, or both may cause that particular offender to mend his ways, the findings of the court lack the required publicity and therefore the effect on the general motoring public is lost.

MORE RESOLUTE

In the matter of penalties, it seems from recent court reports that the courts are now dealing with traffic offenders in a more resolute manner, but this has resulted in inconsistency and in many cases individual penalties vary considerably.

In fairness, two courts specialising in traffic cases, one on each side of the harbour, would be the answer to current inconsistency.

The Traffic Department seems to be pursuing the right line in educating the public by means of films, talks, demonstrations, etc. But are ten-day demonstrations at irregular intervals enough?

It seems there should be a long-range programme incorporating the present features in a continuous poster campaign of the "Death is no Permanent Variety" pointing out the enormity of traffic crimes and the punishments for offences committed on the Colony's roads. While the cost of such a campaign would not be light there is no room for all measures if the object is to be achieved.

JORDAN ARMS AIRLIFT STARTS

Move To Counter Red Infiltration In Middle East

By RALPH HARRIS

Washington, Sept. 8.

The United States arms airlift to Jordan got under way today with about 75 tons of emergency defence weapons being flown from bases in the United States, North Africa and Europe.

Alongside this airlift, according to officials here, the US is planning to strengthen its military mission in Jordan as a result of the Syrian situation.

There is to be an emergency programme for training the Jordanians in the use of these weapons, the official said. The arms, due to arrive in Jordan tomorrow, include 100 millimetre recoilless rifles, mortars and anti-tank guns.

The airlift was one of the first definite steps taken by the United States in a phase of intensive diplomatic military activities attempting to stop Syria's pro-Soviet drift.

Ahead

Additional weapons will be sent to Iraq ahead of previously scheduled dates.

The United States will also speed up arms deliveries to Lebanon, which, like Jordan, is viewed as a likely target for Communist subversion.

Although the arms shipments give the impression of a possible military emergency in the Middle East, a Syrian attack on one of its neighbours is not considered likely at present.

But the shipments have a dual purpose, according to officials here.

Two Points

These are:

★ To restore some political stability on the Middle East by serving a restraining notice on the pro-Soviet Syrian Army leaders against armed adventures across the border.

★ To reinforce quickly the strength of Syria's pro-Western neighbours who are genuinely disturbed by Communist infiltration of the Syrian Army.

The weekend military aid moves were coupled with a warning by President Eisenhower that the United States would use whatever powers it thought necessary to protect friendly Arab governments.

—Reuters.

STUCK IN MUD FOR 16 HOURS

London, Sept. 8.

An 80-year-old woman was recovering today from the effects of being trapped waist-deep in thick mud for more than 16 hours.

Rescuers pulled Miss Frances Arbuthnot from a ditch leading to the river midway after a passerby spotted her struggling for freedom. If the tide had been high, she would have drowned.

"Oh, dear, I'm so hungry," she told rescuers, and then fainted.

—United Press.

'Much More Skilful'

Beirut, Sept. 8.

The Beirut newspaper An-Nahr, said today President Eisenhower had yesterday "put Syria under supervision."

An-Nahr said the United States was "much more skilful than Britain and France when she left it to Syria's neighbours to meet the situation and ask for urgent aid."

"All we hope is that nothing like what took place between Syria and her neighbours—Jordan for example—and the area then becomes a new battlefield where two giants fight behind dwarfs." —China Mail Special.

ESCAPED LUNATICS WATCH TV

Concord, NH, Sept. 8.

A man and his wife were held prisoner in their home for four hours last night while three escaped mental patients watched television and ordered the wife to make sandwiches.

Walter Betts, an insurance salesman, said the three forced their way into his home at about 10 p.m. when his wife answered the doorbell. They held the couple at gunpoint with a stolen rifle for nearly four hours while they watched TV shows. Betts told police the three ordered his wife to make sandwiches and once asked him to change the channel so they could watch "Gunsmoke."

They were recaptured about an hour and a half after Betts persuaded them to leave his home. He said he pleaded with them to take his station wagon and leave because he feared for the safety of his teenage son who was due home from a date.

PICKED UP

Police picked them up after firing about 10 shots to force their station wagon off the road near Hopkinton, New Hampshire.

They had escaped from the Criminally Insane Division of the Concord State Mental Hospital last night by overpowering two guards.

One of the guards, who was slugged with a sash weight during the break, was reported to be in critical condition with a skull fracture.

Three other patients, who escaped at the same time, were recaptured almost immediately.

—United Press.

Storm Precedes Atlantic Hurricane

Pensacola, Fla., Sept. 8.

Tropical storm Debbie, a widespread band of squalls, lashed the north and west coast of Florida today with 45 mile-an-hour winds and aimed for the flatlands of South Georgia.

Little damage and no injuries were reported. Residents in Pensacola and Fort Walton, where the centre of the storm hit, said it was worse than a bad summer thunderstorm.

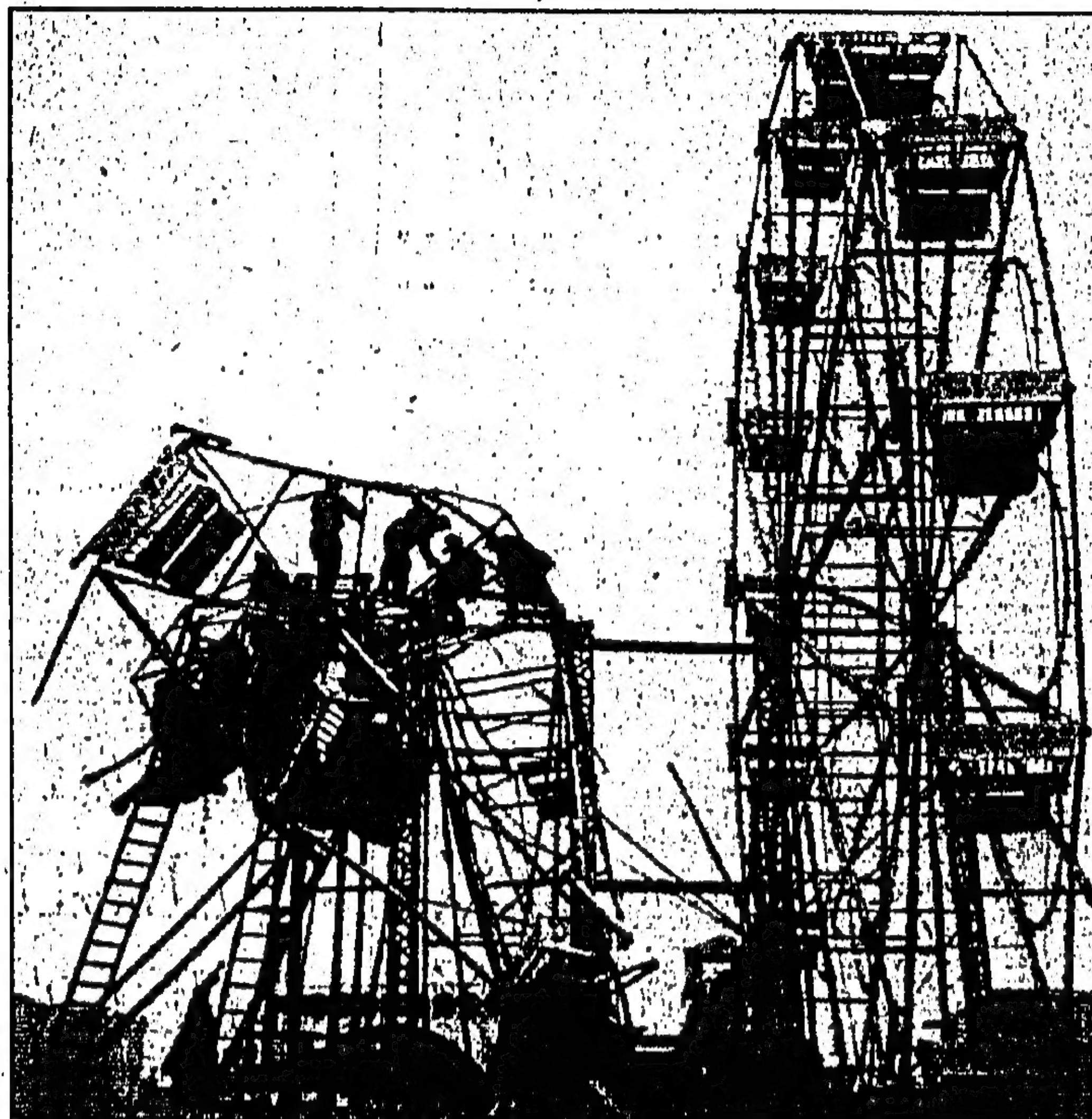
But meanwhile, the potential killer Hurricane Carrie churned in the Atlantic 1,300 miles east of San Juan, Puerto Rico, packing raging winds up to 130 miles an hour.

The San Juan weather bureau reported hurricane winds extending 50 miles from the eye.

Gale force winds stretched 100 miles to the north and 75 miles south of the Carrie's centre, the bureau said.

—United Press.

FERRIS WHEEL CRUMPLES IN GALE



US Correspondents Issue Badly Handled

New York, Sept. 8.

Frank H. Bartholomew, president of the United Press, said today the issue of sending American correspondents to China "has been unfortunately handled by all concerned."

"We would like very much to establish our own correspondents in Peking, but at the moment we're having pretty rocky going on that score," Bartholomew said.

Bartholomew was interviewed in Mexico City by Virgil Pinkley, editor and publisher of the Los Angeles Mirror-News. The interview was broadcast today over the Mutual-Don Lee network.

The President of UP reviewed the situation in which US reporters were invited to China, but at first were refused permission to go by the State Department.

Odd Thing

"It's an odd thing that the American news agencies are permitted to cover the Kremlin with bureaux in Moscow but no American correspondent is permitted to enter China," Bartholomew said.

"Now that the State Department at long last has decided to accredit 24 correspondents, the Chinese are showing their irritation over preceding events and we seem to be in a deadlock. I think this is particularly unfortunate because we would like to cover China by competent, trained newspapermen of our own organisation as would the other American and world-wide agencies. As it is today we must depend upon the service of France-Press, and Reuters for second hand reporting of a scene which Americans should be permitted, in my opinion, to observe and report for themselves." —United Press.

Grenades Thrown

Oran, Sept. 8.

Six hand grenades were thrown in Oran since last night, killing one European and injuring ten other persons. Three of the injured were Moslems.

Three terrorists who took part in the attacks were captured.

The present outbreak of grenade attacks follows a long period of relative calm in the city.

—France-Press.

Britain was battered by the strongest August gales in living memory. Arriving Channel ferries were held up, and several yachts were capsized. One of the yachts was a six-ton craft, only one of whose crew of three was rescued. Pictures show how the Ferris Wheel in the Pleasure Beach, Blackpool, looked like after the gale struck. —Express Photo.

Gluck Knows The Name

New York, Sept. 8.

Mr Maxwell Gluck correctly identified the Ceylon Prime Minister for reporters today before flying to Colombo to assume his new post as United States Ambassador to Ceylon.

An international incident was touched off in July after Gluck's appointment when testimony at a Senate hearing indicated he was unable to name the Prime Minister of Ceylon.

When a reporter asked Gluck today to name the Ceylon Prime Minister he replied without hesitation: "Mr Bandaranaike." —Reuters.

Marrying Uncle

Vientiane, Sept. 8.

Princess Savayana, 24-year-old daughter of the Crown Prince of Laos, will marry her uncle, 27-year-old Prince Mangkhajit Manivong, on September 21, it was officially announced here today.

The bridegroom, a son of King Sisavang Vong is a half-brother of the bride's father. He is an officer-cadet in the Laotian army.

The marriage ceremony will take place in the Royal Palace of Luang Prabang. —France-Press.

CANCER DEATH RATE UP

London, Sept. 8.

DEATHS from cancer in England and Wales increased again in 1955, an official statement said here today.

The Registrar-General's statistical review of England and Wales, for 1955, published today, said a total of 62,340 deaths were attributed to cancer during the year, a substantial increase over the previous year.

The commentary gave these other population statistics for England and Wales in 1955:

- Population was estimated at 44,623,000 in mid-year, an increase of 143,000 over the year before.
- Total marriages increased by about 16,000 over the previous year.
- 26,900 divorces were granted during 1955, fewer than the year before.
- Deaths from accidents totalled 21,460, compared with an annual average of 18,639 for the previous year.

Selwyn Lloyd Says:

YUGOSLAVIA WILL FOLLOW OWN FOREIGN POLICY

London, Sept. 8.

British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd said on arrival here from Belgrade today he was certain Yugoslavia intends to steer its own course in foreign policy.

Lloyd, who had official talks with Yugoslav leaders, said, "Yugoslavia may agree with the Soviet Union on certain matters but I am sure she intends to make up her own mind on foreign affairs as they arise and they do not intend to interfere with the policies of others."

Lloyd added, "We have had an exchange of views revealing different ideas and still remain on terms of friendship. I was deeply impressed by the friendliness and cordiality of my welcome."

He said no concrete decisions were made at the talks.

"We had intensive discussions on the things needed to try and reduce tension in the world and I have no doubt it is the policy of the Yugoslav government to try to do that," Lloyd said.

Soviet Arms

Asked about President Eisenhower's decision to ship arms to the Middle East, Lloyd said, "I think the Soviet Union supplied quantities of arms to Syria and it was inevitable in these circumstances that the delivery of arms to other countries by countries of the West would follow."

Lloyd said he felt his visit was worth while as it was more fully than had been done before.

Lloyd said he discussed disarmament with President Josip Tito and had been able to put the Western position more fully than had been done before.

—France-Press.

New Style Painting?

London, Sept. 8.

William Green, 23, a student at the Royal College of Art, today revealed his technique for painting pictures he sells for as much as US\$280 apiece.

Green explained that he places a large, fresh white canvas on the floor and then:

- ★ Pours paint and printers ink on the canvas.
- ★ Jumps up and down on the paint, dances and skips over the surface.
- ★ Rides over the canvas on a bicycle, skidding purposely to spread the paint.
- ★ Soaks the canvas in paraffin.
- ★ Shovels sand on the painting to give it "added texture."

Green said he sells his finished products for sums ranging from £70 to £100.

—United Press.

27 Killed In Train Crash

Nimes, Sept. 8.

The Prefecture of the Gard Department officially announced this evening that 27 people were killed when the Paris-Nimes express train went off the rails at Nozières-Brignon yesterday.

All but four of the victims have been identified. The bodies of two passengers were still pinned under the wreckage.

—France-Press.

MANCHESTER BLAZE LIKE THE BLITZ

Manchester, Sept. 8.

Fire did damage estimated at at least £500,000 to a department store and other buildings here tonight in the biggest blaze since the wartime blitz.

The four-storey store of Pauldens Limited on a two-acre island site had flames shooting 100 feet above the building seconds after the alarm was given.

Firemen from two counties shot more than 100 water jets on the blaze, and 12 firemen were hurt. More than 100 civilians helped them.

—Reuters.

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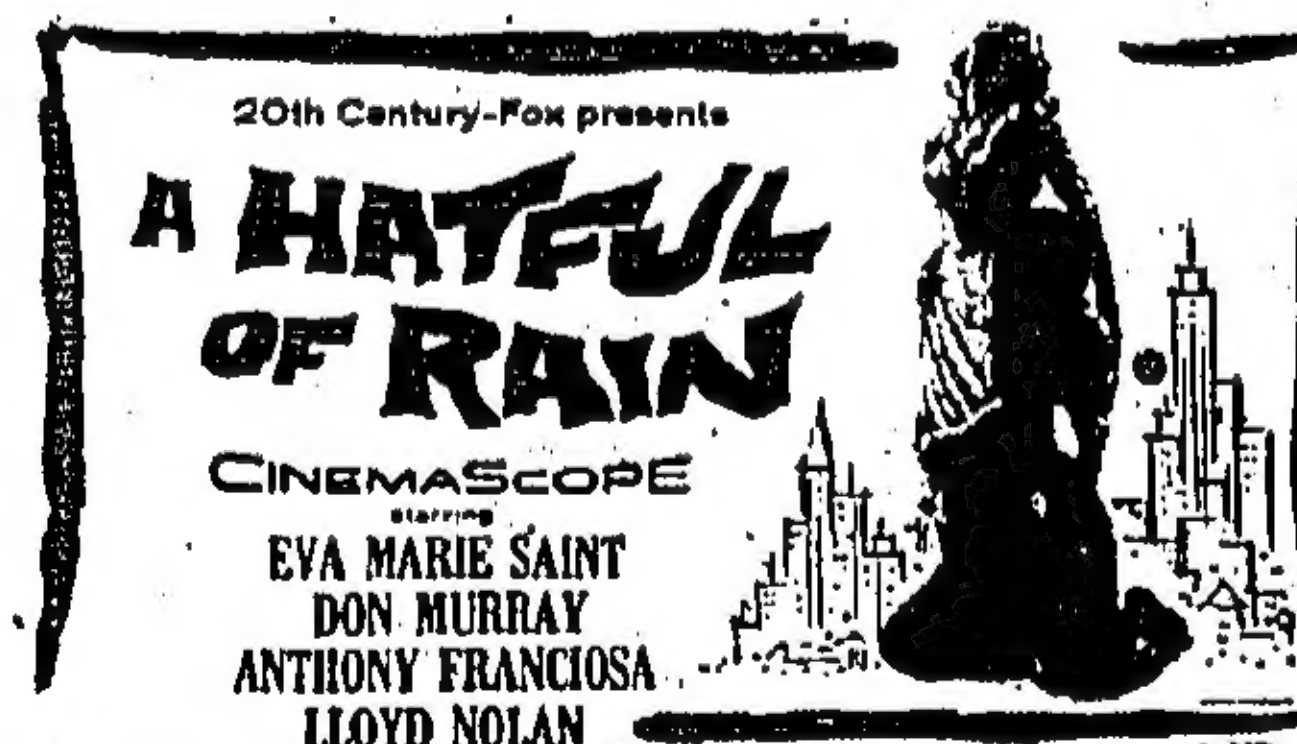
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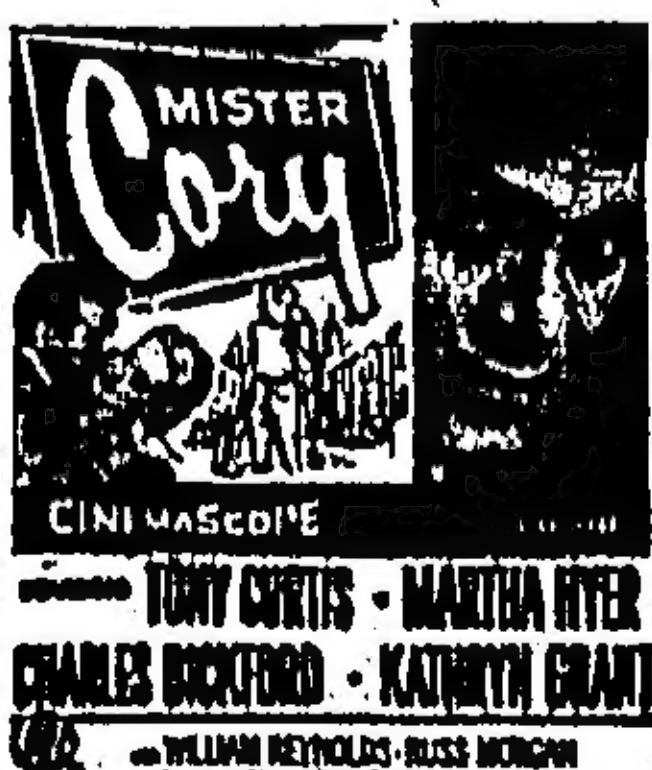
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NOTHING NEW IN SOVIET NOTE TO BONN

By GERALD LONG

Bonn, Sept. 8.

The first reaction in official circles here tonight to the new Soviet note on German reunification was that it contained nothing new.

The theses it puts forward have been rejected time after time by the West German Government. The proposal for negotiations between East and West Germany has been rejected by all parties in the West German Parliament, government and opposition alike.

UNDERLINE

The new note does nothing more than underline the complete deadlock on reunification, diplomatic sources said. In all recent diplomatic exchanges the West Germans, backed by the Western allies, repeated "Four-Power responsibility and free elections," while the Russians and East Germans replied "East-West-German negotiations." Political observers believe the publication of the note, coming one week before polling in the West German general election, may tend to damage still further the Social Democrats. Opposition's claim that Russia might accept reunification on certain conditions.

The Social Democrats propose, if they should come to office, to approach the Russians and the three Western allies with a scheme whereby a reunited Germany would not join Nato but instead a European security pact guaranteed by East and West.

HONEST TRY

Herr Erich Ollenhauer, the Chairman of the Social Democratic Party, is telling election meetings that he knows this is no "miracle solution" to the German problem, but that his party believes it is worth an honest try.

The unyielding Soviet attitude maintained in the latest note is hardly encouraging for this view, political observers consider.

At a press conference, Herr Ollenhauer said the proposal for a confederation between East and West Germany, mentioned again in the Soviet note, was not acceptable because it would mean that the division of the country remained and give recognition to the East German Republic.

If Russia was not prepared to join in a conference of the Big Four, at which the question of German reunification could be discussed and perhaps solved, it would make the situation more difficult. The Social Democrats, however, would continue to advocate such a conference.—Reuter.

BRITONS SPEND 4 BILLION ON FOOD

London, Sept. 9.

Britons spent £1,830 million on alcoholic drink and tobacco last year, according to a report on national income and expenditure issued here today.

The report said £4,376 million was spent on food. Despite pay increases, expenditure on consumer goods rose by only half a per cent. The biggest fall in this expenditure was on private cars, motor-cycles and bicycles.

The military defence programme amounted to an expenditure of £1,701 million while £407 million was spent on housing, the report added.—China Mail Special.

RUSSIA BLAMED FOR SUSPENSION

Bonn, Sept. 8.

West German Government sources tonight blamed the Soviet Union for the suspension of Soviet-West German talks in Moscow.

The sources said that in the talks, which were suspended a fortnight ago, West Germany had gone very far towards meeting Soviet wishes on the conclusion of a trade agreement.

The fact that discussions had not continued was due only to the fact that the Soviet Government had not kept to the agreed agenda, which concluded the question of the repatriation of Germans from the Soviet Union.

West Germany claims that about 80,000 people in Russia have asked to be repatriated to Germany. The Russians maintain that there is no repatriation problem, only a few individual cases remaining to be discussed.

FORESHADOW

The statement by Government sources was taken by observers here to foreshadow the West German reply to a Soviet letter published here last Tuesday.

The letter from Mr. Vladimir Semenov, leader of the Soviet delegation in Moscow, to his West German counterpart, Dr. Rolf Lahr, said that if the talks broke down it would be West Germany's responsibility.

The letter said that the Soviet attitude to repatriation was "not influenced by temporary and passing considerations, but only by the actual state of things."

It said there was nothing to hinder a continuation of negotiations on the other subjects of the agenda: Trade and consular convention.—China Mail Special.

RUSSIAN JET SHAKES OFF U.S. BOMBER

London, Sept. 8.

A member of the crew of the Russian TU-104 jet airliner which arrived here today from a flight to the United States, said an American four-engine bomber tried at one time to accompany the Soviet plane, Moscow radio reported.

He added: "It was obvious that the Americans were very interested in data concerning our plane."

But the crew "having noticed the plane, increased the revolutions of the turbines and the bomber quickly disappeared from our sight," he said.

The airman said the bomber left behind trails of white smoke and "one can suppose that it was doing its utmost" to keep up with the TU-104.—China Mail Special.

GOING THROUGH



Actress Sonia Graham admits that this bamboo-and-net crinoline looks very nice once it is on—but getting it on is somewhat of a problem. The crinoline is 20ft across and it is topped off with a 40-year-old camisole, once worn by Ellen Terry, and 2200 worth of satin-and-silver-lace frock. Sonia wore it in the new musical "Meet Me By Moonlight" at the Royal Court Theatre, Liverpool.—Keystone Photo.

OTHER NATIONS MIGHT JOIN NUCLEAR RACE

Says M. Jules Moch

London, Sept. 8.

M. Jules Moch, French delegate to the United Nations Disarmament Sub-committee was asked in a recorded radio programme here tonight if he thought other nations would join the nuclear race if agreement was not reached on disarmament.

"If there is no agreement, France would be a nuclear power within two years," he replied. He added that three or four years after France and other countries would also be nuclear powers. But M. Moch hoped this position would not arise.

M. Moch, a former Prime Minister of France, was speaking in "London Forum," a radio press conference on the British Broadcasting Corporation general overseas service. The programme was recorded before the decision to adjourn the disarmament talks.

STEP BY STEP

M. Moch was asked why the Western delegates could not drop their comprehensive plan and instead proceed step by step, starting with the suspension of atomic tests.

"The treaty must be negotiated so that each step towards disarmament increases the security of all members," he replied.

"If you begin with a reduction of conventional weapons and suspension of tests, another side is weakened," M. Moch said that such steps were sure not to be accepted by both sides.

"We can work only if we are unanimous," said M. Moch, who declared that an agreement must be reached acceptable to all nations.

DONE NOTHING

Earlier in the programme he said: "If we do not stop the production of fissile materials, we have done nothing for peace."

Asked if he thought that Mr. Harold Stassen, the American delegate to the talks was over-optimistic, M. Moch declared that Mr. Stassen was a man "devoted to peace."

"If that means he is an optimist, then he is an optimist," M. Moch compared the disarmament talks to building a

bridge from two sides of a river. He claimed that the gap had narrowed but "as long as there remain important divergencies, the bridge is not finished."—Reuter.

Starving Seamen Rescued

Kuala Lumpur, Sept. 8. Malaysian fishermen rescued seven gaunt, starving Indonesian seamen drifting in a rudderless wooden boat off the isolated north east coast of Malaya yesterday.

In ten days the fishermen had drifted northward from Sumatra where they were on a coastal trading run, several hundred miles through the South China Sea to Kelantan State, on the eastern tip of Malaya.

Since leaving Sungai Lampung in Sumatra they endured storms, hunger and thirst after their boat developed engine trouble.

WENT ASHORE

They said they prayed for rescue while existing on rice and drinking polluted water by filtering it through a rag. Immigrating authorities tonight allowed two of the men to remain on shore while they sought help from a businessman friend in Singapore. The others remained on board the vessel.

Recounting their survival today the skipper Sider Bin Min, 40, said the boat, carrying twenty tons of rubber, had developed engine trouble and an uncontrollable rudder. Because they had no compass no one aboard knew they were near the Kelantan Coast till their rescue yesterday by a fishing fleet.—Reuter.

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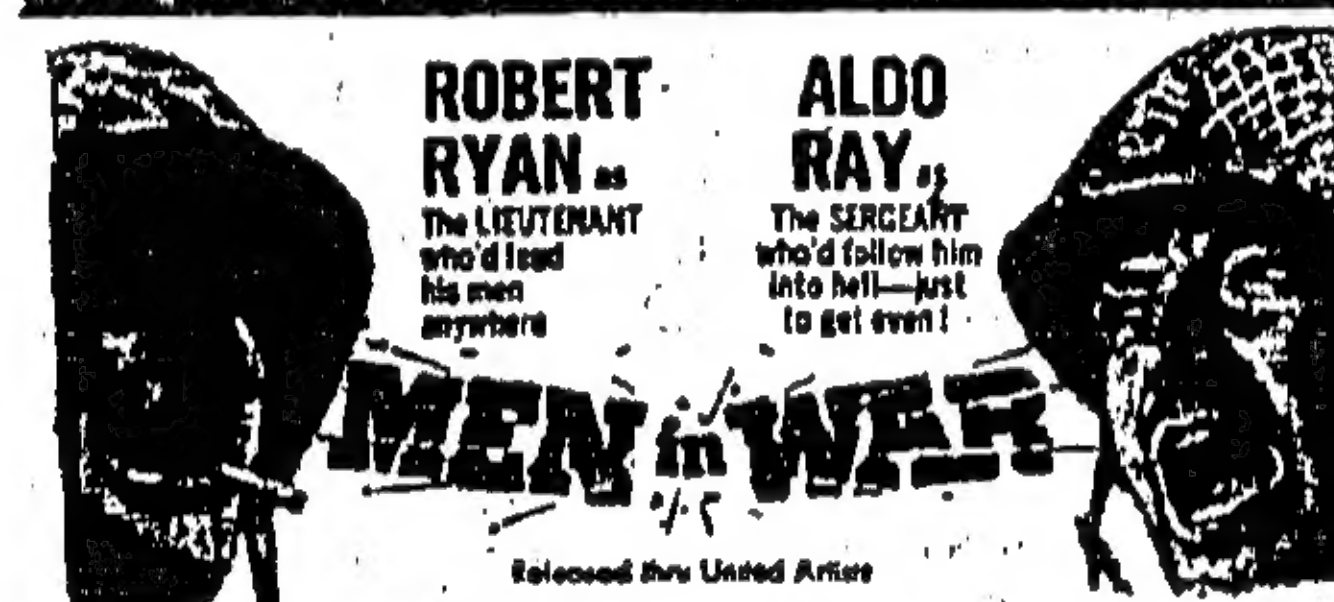
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AMERICAN COMMUNIST RESIGNS

Accuses Kremlin Of Anti-Semitism QUILTS PAPER

New York, Sept. 8.

Joseph Clark, veteran staff member of the Communist Daily Worker and a party member for 28 years, broke with the Communist Party today over anti-Semitism and dictation from the Kremlin.

Clark, 43, resigned as foreign editor of the newspaper and as a member of the party.

The official announcement of Clark's withdrawal will be made in tomorrow's issue of the Daily Worker. His letter of resignation was said to state that he found himself unable to serve the Socialist cause effectively from within the party.

Special Passport

Clark, a winner of the Silver Star for gallantry in action while serving as a US Infantryman in Germany in World War II, had been on the Worker staff for 12 years.

As foreign editor, he served as the paper's Moscow correspondent for a time and he received a special State Department passport allowing him to cover the Geneva big four conference in 1955.

Clark has been an ardent foe of anti-Semitism in the Communist Party and just as ardently in favor of a US brand of socialism rather than one dictated by the Kremlin.

He had a serious brush with Moscow last February when he attacked Russia for demanding that all countries will follow the same path to Marxism. This brought a Kremlin attack on him as an advocate of "National Communism."

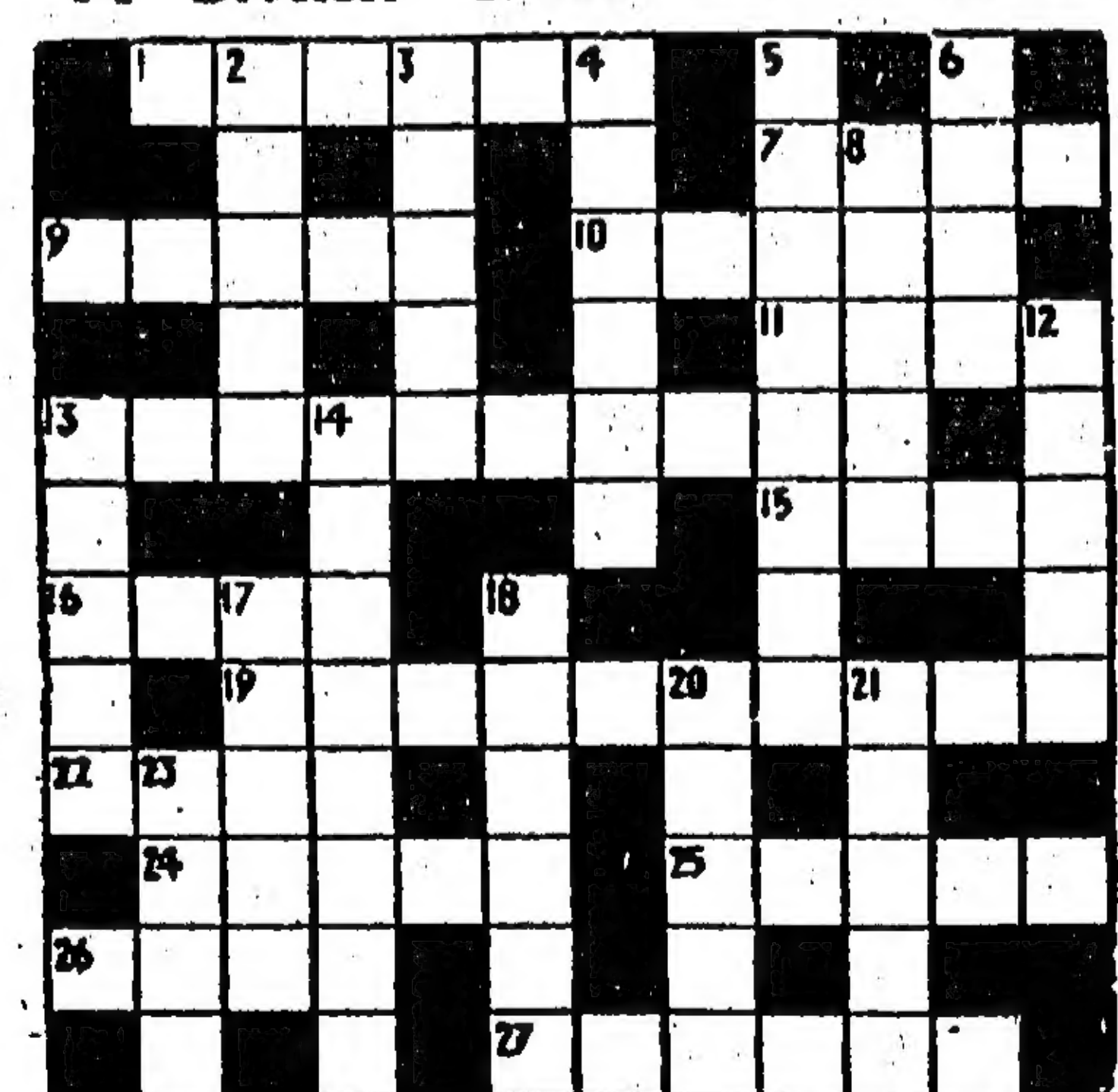
Clark got into hot water with the Communists also for charging that the Soviet Communist Party secretary Nikita Khrushchev was anti-Semitic. — United Press.

Reception For East Germans

London, Sept. 9. Premier Chou En-lai and Vice-Chairman Chu Teh yesterday evening received members of the East German military delegation led by General Willi Stoph, the New China News Agency reported.

The delegation later presented gifts to the Vice-Chairman Mr Chu Teh and Premier Chou En-lai, the Agency added. — Reuters.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Cigarette (8).
- 7 For bowlers and skaters (4).
- 9 Service dress (5).
- 10 Boy's foreign coin? (5).
- 11 Scottish Highlander (4).
- 12 Irresistible force? (10).
- 13 Soften (4).
- 14 Man's last vehicle (4).
- 15 They may be brought by accident? (10).
- 22 Church recess (4).
- 24 Permission to depart (5).
- 25 Regional pamphlet? (5).
- 26 Stop, being lame (4).
- 27 One-way, sometimes (8).

DOWN

- 2 Scare (5).
- 3 Soldier (5).
- 4 Decline to accept the rubbish (6).
- 5 Nasserland guide, maybe (6).
- 6 Nevermore (4).
- 8 Senseless (5).
- 12 They may get plastered (5).
- 13 Lethal crawler (6).
- 14 Pass through the pores (6).
- 17 A supporter of the pictures (5).
- 16 It constrains (6).
- 20 Man of character? (5).
- 21 Slangy plane (5).
- 23 Looseness (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Treble, 4 Unary, 7 Letter, 8 Cloth, 10 Girl, 12 Epicure, 15 Aroma, 16 Inns, 17 Anna, 19 Drama, 20 Matinee, 21 Mole, 23 Mimic, 24 Vellum, 25 Neigh, 26 Candle, Down: 1 Telegram, 2 Emigrant, 3 Look, 5 Soleism, 6 Return, 9 Spare, 11 Training, 12 Embur, 13 Unwieldy, 14 Retained, 15 Native, 22 Yarn.

HE PLANS TO WRITE TO THE PM

London, Sept. 8. A wealthy company director today began a one-man campaign to fight a Royal Commission recommendation to legalise adult homosexuality in private.

John Murphy, an active Conservative Party supporter, said he is drafting letters to the Prime Minister, Mr Harold Macmillan and his member of Parliament, Sir Hugh Lindsay, urging the government not to sanction any legislation on homosexuality.

The letters, to be sent tomorrow, will be "in very strong terms," he said.

The recommendations on legalising homosexuality in private were made by a Royal Commission headed by Sir John Wolfenden.

In addition to recommending the legalising of homosexuality in private for adults over 21 years of age, the Commission proposed that fines for prostitutes be raised drastically and that persistent offenders be gaoled. — United Press.

IN LONDON It's Amazing!

New York, Sept. 8. Chief Magistrate John M. Murlugh said today that there were more street walkers in London than in New York and gave "moral climate" as the reason.

Speaking on a radio programme, he said that regarding prostitution "the outstanding city that comes to mind when you mention that problem is London. . . . curiously, in England there is much greater concern about the problem."

Recalling a visit to London in February last year, when "with the assistance of a Superintendent from Scotland Yard, I saw the condition from a specialised point of view," he declared that the difference in the number of street walkers in London as compared with New York "is amazing."

Asked why he supposed street walkers are more numerous in London, he answered: "I think it is simply the moral climate of the city; the lack of tolerance on the part of the public of that kind of conduct here has driven them behind the doors." — United Press.

Petrol Dump Threatened By Fire

Madrid, Sept. 8. Special firefighting equipment rushed from the joint US-Spanish air and naval base at nearby Rota to Jerez de la Frontera helped today to bring under control a 6,000,000 dollar blaze which had threatened to blow up a petrol dump.

Six persons were injured, hundreds of persons evacuated from their homes, and a general call sent out to all men in the district to help fight the fire, before it was brought under control.

The United States is building a huge base at Rota for the use of the Navy and Fleet Air Arm. Rota is also the point where the oil pipeline feeding petrol to the US-Spanish air bases in other parts of Spain commences its operation. — United Press.

Language Squabble

New Delhi, Sept. 8. At least 20 police were injured and some 40 rioters arrested today when partisans of the "Save Hind" (language) movement clashed with opposing groups of Sikhs in two Punjab districts south of Delhi.

Authorities immediately clamped down on all night curfew in the Punjab area where the language controversy has been ripe for the past six months. — United Press.

The Duke Takes Time Out



The Duke of Kent took time off from his Army duties to go to a party two weeks ago. Party was given at Harewood by Mrs Michael Oldfield, wife of a Leeds surgeon, for her 12-year-old daughter, Caroline. The Duke is pictured here dancing with Miss Vicky Atwood. — Express Photo.

Mass Moon Festival Wedding Ceremony

Twenty-three Couples Take Vows

Singapore, Sept. 8. Twenty-three Chinese couples were married in Singapore today at a mass ceremony, and tonight, thousands of families were eating mooncakes.

The weddings were arranged because today was the 15th day of the 8th Moon, according to the Chinese Calendar, and lucky. The mooncakes were eaten to celebrate the moon festival commemorating the overthrow of the Mongols in China.

BACK TO HELL

Chinese tradition says that weddings held during the full moon, especially in the 8th month, after evil spirits have returned to hell, will be successful. Many of the 23 couples married in a hall had been told by "the old man of the moon," a matchmaker — to delay the ceremony until today. They took their vows before more than 600 relatives, friends and officials. — Reuters.

Frogmen Search For Statues Thrown In Moat 600 Years Ago

Royal Marine frogmen today began searching the bottom of the centuries-old moat around Salisbury Hall for a number of precious life-size religious statues.

The statues are believed to have been thrown into the moat more than 600 years ago. Salisbury Hall now is the home of Walter Goldsmith, artist and picture restorer.

In the 14th century, it was occupied by John de Montacute, who reportedly threw the statues into the moat because of his Puritan horror of religious figures.

The frogmen today spent the morning inspecting the slime at the bottom of the moat. They were disappointed to find the bottom harder than they anticipated.

They concentrated their search today on the part of the weed-covered water near the bridge over the moat which leads to Nell Gwynn's cottage, where it was believed that King Charles II stayed in the Hall.

By mid-day, the only thing the frogmen had come up with was a lead vase of indeterminate age. — United Press.

Eruption Ends

Managua, Sept. 8. The eruption of the Cerro Negro volcano of Nicaragua ceased today after six days of activity. It had caused serious damage to agriculture and cattle. — United Press.

MALAYAN DIPLOMAT MARRIES CHINESE WOMAN

Kuala Lumpur, Sept. 8. A Malay diplomat who will be stationed in London today married a Chinese girl in a Moslem ceremony.

The bridegroom, Inche Zakaria Bin Haji Ali, was recently appointed second secretary to the Malayan High Commissioner in London.

For the Sino-Malay wedding his schoolteacher bride, formerly Miss Yeon Gunt Swo, took the Moslem name of She Rabinah Binte Abdullah.

She said her parents in Penang had given their blessing to the marriage and her conversion to Islam.

The couple will leave for London at the end of the month. — Reuters.

Bankers In Peking

London, Sept. 9. A nine-man delegation of West German industrialists and bankers, the first to visit China, arrived in Peking yesterday evening, the New China News Agency reported.

The leader of the delegation, Herr Otto Wolf, an American President of the Eastern Committee of West German Economy said at the railway station that the purpose of the visit was to conclude trade agreement with the China Committee for Promotion of International Trade and hoped that trade between the two countries would grow in future, the agency said. — Reuters.

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This Is What Seato Has Done For Asia

by John Foster Dulles

Washington Sept. 8. The Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, declared today the three-year-old Manila Pact assured a collective effort needed to block Communist takeover of Southeast Asia and the Western Pacific.

Mr Dulles issued a statement on the third anniversary of the eight-nation Southeast Asia Treaty organization.

Mr Christian Herter, the Under-Secretary of State, is attending anniversary ceremonies at Seato headquarters in Bangkok.

Mr Dulles said under Seato's protective shield Southeast Asia has been able to make substantial political, economic and social progress.

Union's de-Stalinisation, suppression of the Hungarian people, and Middle East intrusion.

He said these, plus China's purging of critics after inviting them to speak up, dramatically exposed "the true nature of Communism."

"Communist ruthlessness, backed by the huge armies in the Soviet Union, in China, and in the Asian and European satellites should keep all free peoples keenly aware of the need for vigilance and co-operation," he concluded. — Reuters.

A Contrast

The Secretary of State contrasted the situation today with the way things were when Seato was organized among the United States, Australia, Britain, France, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines and Thailand.

"Tranquillity prevails generally and international Communism now falls back on subversive efforts rather than military, and these efforts, too, Seato is helping to thwart," he stated.

Mr Dulles added the circumstances which brought Seato into being included: The Korean War and its uneasy ceasefire, Chinese attacks in the Straits of Taiwan, Communist subversion in the Philippines, Communist terrorism in Malaya, and the Indo-China war.

He noted that Malaya last week completed its political independence and added: "During Seato's existence all the free nations of the area have conducted orderly elections based upon universal suffrage." — Reuters.

It's Up To Russia Now

London, Sept. 8. United States delegate to the London disarmament conference, Harold Stassen, left by air to return to the United States with an optimistic final statement.

"We look to Moscow to make the next major move," he said. "It is believed that the day will come when we will reach an agreement for the first stage for disarmament."

He added he would report to Secretary of State Mr John Foster Dulles in Washington.

RUSSIAN AGREEMENT

Mr Stassen said Russian agreement was particularly needed to cease the production of nuclear materials for weapon purposes. "That is the most difficult problem between us," he declared.

Stassen thought that the five months of disarmament negotiations had been an aid to peace, and that the talks had contributed to increased knowledge of their side of the facts of the nuclear age. — Franco-Press.

Egypt's Plans "Perfect"

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Typhoon's Toll Now 29

Tokyo, Sept. 9. The dead and missing toll from typhoon Boss jumped to 29 early today as the latest reports filtered into Tokyo.

The most recent report of casualties was received in Tokyo late on Sunday. It reported two dead and four missing from a capsized fishing boat near Okujima, a small island about 35 miles southeast of Kogoshima, on the southwestern tip of Kyushu.

Japanese reports said that the boat, a 14-tonner, had capsized on September 5.

Rescuers who reached the craft late on Sunday found three of the crew still alive and recovered the bodies of two dead. Four others of the craft, however, were still missing.

Vanished

The typhoon itself "vanished" off the Kurile Islands north of Japan early on Sunday after raising havoc with farms, houses, rice paddies, river embankments and rail communications up and down the main Japanese islands.

Government officials estimated that the storm affected more than 24,800 people.

They said that though crop damage amounted to about 4,000,000 bushels of rice, the nation could still look forward to the second richest rice harvest in history.

Most of the damage occurred on the islands of Kyushu and Shikoku and the Prefectures of southwest and central Honshu. — United Press.

Lord Russell Leaves For America

London, Sept. 8. Lord Russell of Liverpool, former assistant Judge Advocate General of the forces and his wife, left by air today for New York at the invitation of the Zionist Organisation of America.

Lord and Lady Russell will be guests of honour at the 60 annual convention of the organisation in New York from September 12 to 15.

Lord Russell has recently completed an account of the Japanese war, crimes which will be published next year.

In 1954 he resigned from his appointments as assistant Judge Advocate General of the British forces when he published "The Japanese War: The Bataan Death March" an account of German war crimes. — Reuters.

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● He is the new-look Mario Lanza—the man who denies those stories about ever drinking 30 pints of beer and eating 26 sandwiches.

INTRODUCING Mr. 49-32

Rome. The little man who has been with Mario Lanza for 11 years through thick and thin—mostly thick—pinioned me against the wall with his eye and said: "Listen, I'm not saying he did and I'm not saying he didn't but, anyway, so what if he did eat 30 hot dogs? Anybody could eat 30 hot dogs."

The man from MGM said: "Why rake up the past? Those hot dogs belong to the past. Erasing the painful subject of those hot dogs from our minds we joined Mario Lanza for lunch. There was a veal speciality on the menu that day called Saltin Boccia, which means leap into the mouth: it was drenched with sauce richer than Rockefeller.

MARIO THE MARTYR

Lanza's was the one mouth it did not leap into. While the rest of us, including Mrs. Lanza, attacked our heaped plates, Mr. Lanza, wearing an expression of martyrdom, ate his private portion of boiled chicken.

His eating habits, he said, had been grossly exaggerated.

With emotion he turned to me and said: "By my four bubles I swear to you that since I've been here pasta hasn't passed these lips. I'm not sure that in Rome such an admission doesn't amount to treason.

Lanza is making his first film in three and a half years. The Seven Hills of Rome, and as he is not playing the title role it is essential that he should keep in shape.

If only Lanza were a disembodied voice, there would be no problem. But the Lanza physique cannot be ignored—sometimes only too obviously not. Today it must be admitted he has shrivelled down to a mere 13½ stone—his maximum weight is said to have been over 20 stone.

He is looking fit and handsome. "I have a 32in. waist," he said with pride, "and I could name you 20 film stars who don't have a smaller waist like that. You mustn't forget I've got



by
THOMAS WISEMAN

weight-lifting and horse riding. No, I'm in great shape. There are music critics who, having heard Lanza sing opera, agree that he would have been a great prizefighter.

The fabulous shattering voice has not been given much exercise during the last three and a half years. His last film, *Serenade*, which some people thought should have been called *Sung Song* after the reviews it got, was not a success. Lanza is quick to provide the explanation. "The public," he said, "do not want to see Mario in heavy drama. They want to see him gay, and happy as I was born to be."

HAPPINESS ALL ROUND

Apart from bestowing happiness all round the voice has earned for Lanza personally \$4½ million dollars, has given him an international following that even three and a half years of inactivity has not diminished. "Why should I care what the critics say?" he asked. "My fan mail is stupendous. In 1953 it cost me 70,000 dollars, mostly in stamps answering my fan mail from England alone.

"It has been one of my most cherished ambitions to go to England and I shall be there this autumn to make a film. My following in England is bigger than anywhere else in the world. I love the English."

For the next two years he will be working in Europe, based in Rome. He will sell his fantastic Hollywood home, the one with the 16 min. cinema and the bed 10ft. wide and 8ft. long. "Most of the money I have saved is in that house. About a quarter of a million dollars."

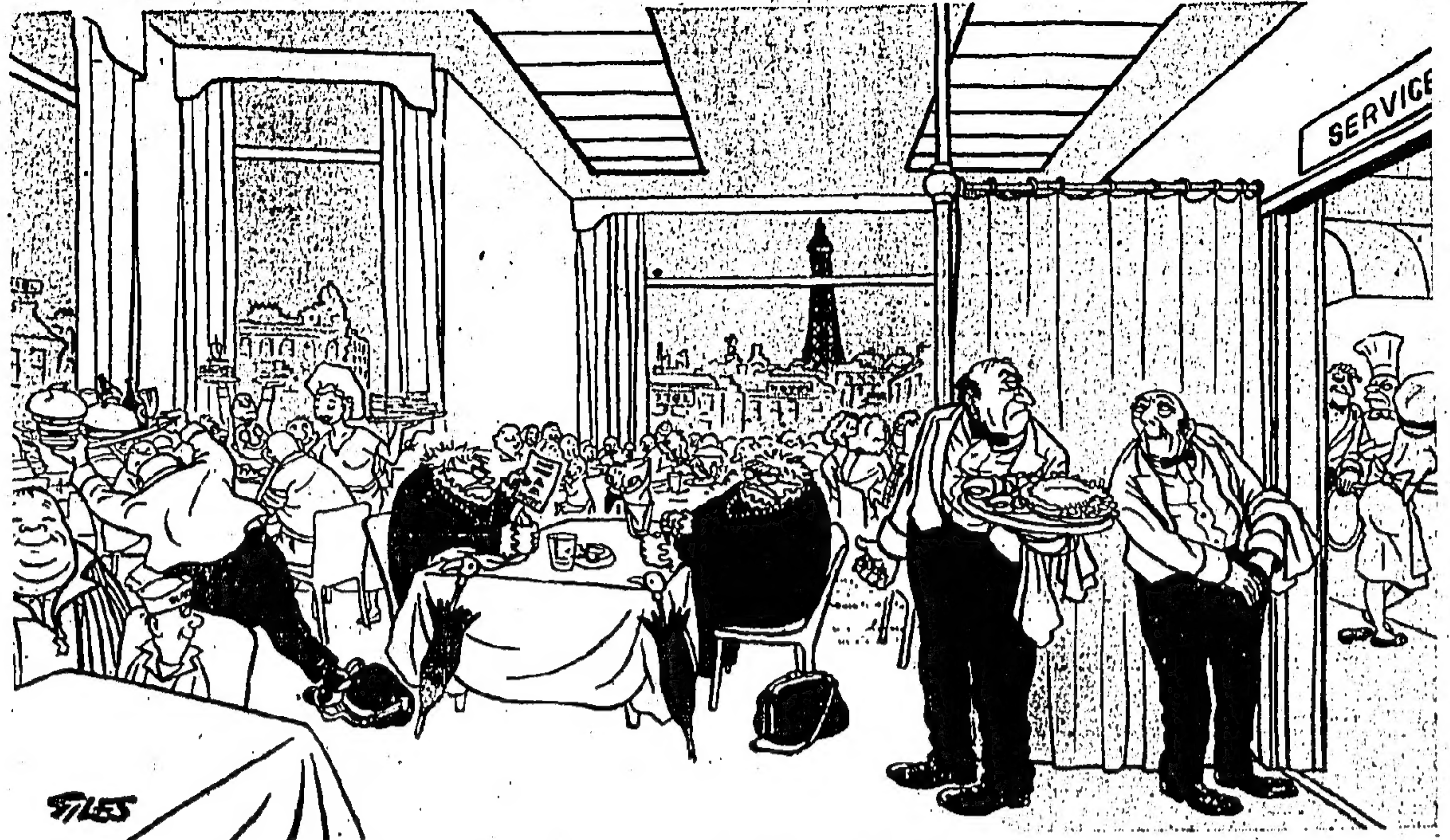
He believes that his future will be even more spectacular than his past, and he has a naive optimism that is endearing. "I'm going to film all the great operas," he said, "cutting them down to 80 minutes each, eliminating all repetition. Do you know that *Regioletto* says goodbye 90 times—now, that's overdoing it."

One cannot help liking this man whose appetite for food and life is so large, whose belief in himself is so unshakable, and who approaches the screen as a territory of grand opera like a prizefighter going in for the kill. How can you possibly fail to feel affection for a man who asks you: "Did you read the article Confidential did on me? Wonderful. They said I was an egomaniac and that I was over-acted. I thought it very flattering."

(London Express Service).

GRANDMA GILES WITH HER SISTER

They're safely installed at Blackpool

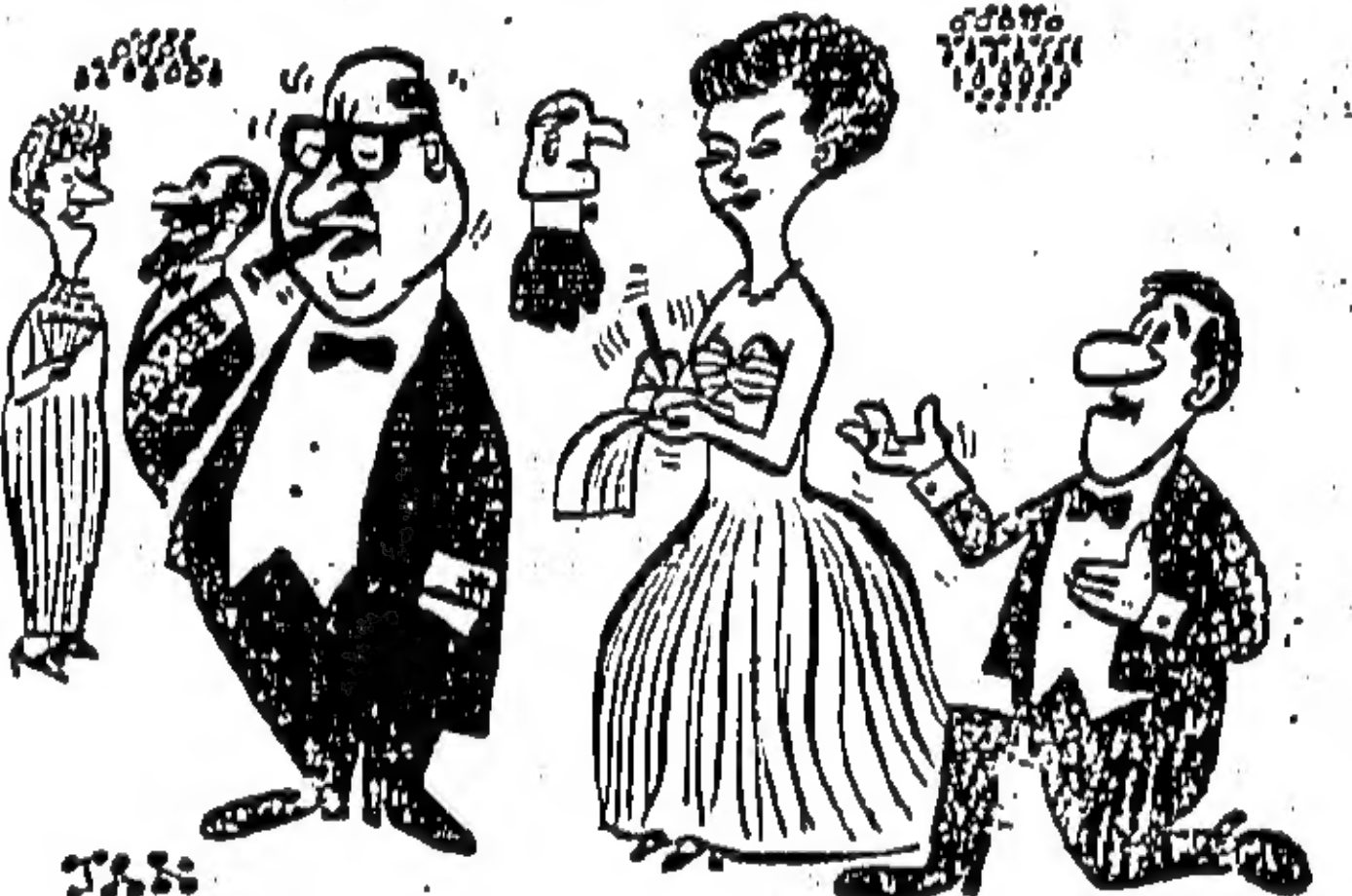


"No fear! We'll toss for it. I served them when they were here last year."

Oh, those reluctant debutantes!

The season is over . . . but there is no score in the marriage stakes. The eligible bachelors are still . . . eligible bachelors!

by JOHN WOODFORD



WHAT has happened to the debutantes? Another glittering season has come and gone, and still the girls are as far from the altar as when it started. Nearly every night of the week, month after month, they have spent long hours in the society of personable young men in glamorous surroundings—and still there is no news of any debutante of any prominence becoming married or even engaged.

Are the deb escorts learned since the season began? Why are they not doing what is expected of them?

Not ready

Viewing the girls massed together in a ballroom, it seems extraordinary. See how marriageable they look in their delicate airy dresses. See what prettily feminine gestures they have

learned since the season began. Mr Tommy Kinsman, the avuncular band leader at most of the debutante parties, stands up for the young men.

"It's not their fault," he tells me. "The fact is the girls just aren't ready for marriage yet. The girl of today wants to spend several years looking round before making her choice."

Mums are best

It is perhaps no wonder that escorts grow cynical as the season rolls on. Like Mr Lawrence ("I am NOT the actor") Harvey, who now claims to be more interested in the girls' mothers ("they are more interesting to talk to") and dismisses the current bunch of debutantes as "physical and mental puddings."

Or like Mr Dominic Elwes, friend of Princess Margaret: "The only beautiful young girls at the moment seem to be models. Unfortunately their magnetism usually goes phut once you talk to them."

Mr Charles MacArthur Hardy grumbles about office jobs and secretarial courses. "So many girls arrive at parties rushed and tired and ruin an evening by thinking about what they have to do at their desks next morning."

The truth is that wedding bells in the first two years away from school is a debutante's dream. For the present-day debutantes getting a job ranks higher, at first, than getting a husband.

They take their eligible escorts lightly as mere sparring partners. And the escorts, disillusioned as they may be at the discovery, go on turning out at the lavish debutante parties. As one of the younger ones, Mr Fergus Graham, said recently: "If nothing else, deb parties are the poor man's night club."

(London Express Service).

WIZARD OF WALL-STREET

TELLS: HOW I DID IT

From Ronald Singleton

HOW to make your first million dollars by the age of 31, and how to use the stock market to get it—these fascinating pieces of advice for the speculator come in the personal story of one of America's most brilliant financiers and most distinguished elder-statesmen—Bernard Mannes Baruch (87).

His father wanted him to be a doctor like himself. It was Baruch's mother who really pushed him into the world of money.

She took him to a phrenologist who passed his fingers over the bulges above the 12-year-old Bernard's eyebrows, and said: "He will make a good doctor but my advice is to take him where they are doing big things—finance or politics."

He chose

The boy graduated and read medicine but mother kept reminding him what the phrenologist said. "Son, don't become a doctor unless you love the work," Bernard chose Wall Street.

This successfully three things are necessary: First, one must get the facts of a situation or problem.

"Second, one must form a judgment as to what these facts portend. Third, one must act—before it is too late."

Mother's call

He tells this story of a strange incident that happened in the middle of one of his biggest deals.

His mother called him to remind him that the holiest of Jewish holidays, Yom Kippur, was the following Monday, the next business day.

He was a devout and religious man and took no phone calls on that holy day. Then he learned what had happened. On the market the stock in which he was interested had opened at 100. It dropped, but at noon was held at 97.

"Had I been there I probably would have closed out then. But in the afternoon stock declined steadily, closing at 93½, which left me a handsome profit."

Mr Baruch's profit for that venture was \$90,000 dollars (\$250,000). And he attributes it to that phone call from his mother.

POCKET CARTOON

By OSBERT LANCASTER



"I don't rightly know, but I think it must be the opening of the International Something-something Year."

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Rail For Sale

By ROBERT G. SHORTALL

New York.

Anybody want to buy a railroad station? The New York Central Railroad has put 406 of its stations on the auction block and will entertain any reasonable offer.

The Road said it already has sold several of the stations and negotiations looking toward the sale of a number of others now are underway.

One of the stations already sold—located at South Chicago—will be converted into a supermarket.

The Railroad said the stations can be used for libraries, houses, stores, community centres, auditoriums, skating rinks, bowling alleys and youth centres.

The stations up for sale are located all over the Central's 11,000-mile system. They range in size from small structures heated by pot-bellied stoves to huge, marble-clad affairs capable of seating hundreds.

Why is the Central selling part of what has been described as its "gold mine in real estate?"

The principal reason is that the Road has been losing money on these stations. This loss has been a major factor in the Road's annual deficit from passenger operations, which amounted to almost \$40 million last year.

Alfred E. Perlman, President of the nation's second biggest

rail system, said that whatever profit the Central might realise from carrying a passenger "is completely wiped out by the terminal he merely walks through to catch the train."

He pointed out that many stations were built during the Railroad's monopoly era "and reflect a grandeur far beyond today's worth—and their operation and maintenance costs show it."

In analysing the cost picture, Perlman said railroads must build, maintain and pay taxes on their stations, while their competitors—airlines and bus companies—use tax-free terminals built with public funds.

Grand Central Station, in the heart of New York, is not on the list.

The drive to sell or lease its stations does not mean the Central plans to go out of the railroad business. It will still run its trains over the same tracks, but it will be free from the headaches of operating and maintaining the stations.

A spokesman for the Railroad said in many instances the Central will continue to use part of the stations for its operations, either on a rent-free or lease basis, depending on the deal.—United Press.

RAOUL LUZ AGAIN OPEN SINGLES CHAMPION

Repeats After A Break Of 28 Years

By "TOUCHER"

Raoul Luz of Club de Recreio yesterday achieved the rare distinction of having won the Colony Open Singles Lawn Bowls Championship title on more than one occasion. He last won the title 28 years ago.

In a tame final at the Hongkong Cricket Club green, Luz, who last won the event in 1929, defeated U. A. Rumjahn of Indian Recreation Club by 22-16 after 19 heads, to regain the title for the second time at the age of sixty-three.

Luz was a deserving winner on the day's form and his victory yesterday was a fitting tribute to a great local bowler who played an extremely grand game for Hongkong as skip in both the Pairs and Fours events at the Empire Games at Vancouver and who had once again shown himself to be the top skip in the Colony by heading this season's League skips table.

As a final, however, yesterday's match fell much below expectation in standard and in closeness of competition. For most of the spectators, who watched yesterday's 15-minute final, it must have been a new experience to see two finalists toiling hard throughout the whole duration of the game to find their green and up to the end of the game there was only one of the four hands that they could be said to have mastered with a fair amount of accuracy, and that was the forward rolling down the Garden Road way.

SLIGHT ADVANTAGE

Rumjahn enjoyed a slight advantage when bowling up the Chater Road direction with a slightly better control of the backhand green than his opponent who was switching from one hand to the other without being able to get anywhere.

Both bowlers were also well below their usual form in weight control and wickets more than a yard short or through were conspicuous by their presence. More than seventy per cent of all the wickets bowled yesterday were narrow and as many as half the shots scored were all drawn on the narrow side.

The decisive factor in Luz's victory, yesterday, was his ability to adjust weight and green with every bow and wicket until he got the right one in.

FOUR TO START

The match began dramatically with Luz chalking up a four—the only four in the game—on the very first head. Rumjahn won the toss and rolled a medium-full head. Taking the forward, Rumjahn was narrow with his first wood, which landed 18 inches jack-high.

Luz was also narrow, coming from the same hand, but finished up 12 inches jack-high.

Rumjahn was a yard through with his second and Luz added in the second shot 10 inches behind. Rumjahn was again narrow with his third by about 18 inches.

Luz with his third wood rested the third shot for three

and Rumjahn was a yard short with his last delivery. Switching to a great local bowler who played an extremely grand game for Hongkong as skip in both the Pairs and Fours events at the Empire Games at Vancouver and who had once again shown himself to be the top skip in the Colony by heading this season's League skips table.

On the second head, Rumjahn retaliated with a two. Luz was about 20 inches wide with his first wood from the forward and Rumjahn was two yards through from the backhand.

Luz's second wood was worse, being five feet short. Rumjahn drew a near toucher for the shot. Switching to the backhand, Luz was narrow and short. Rumjahn was just about 2½ feet too wide with his third, but Luz was narrow and through with his fourth wood and Rumjahn drew to within a foot of the jack for two.

SCRATCHY PATTERN

Play continued in this scratchy pattern for the greater part of the game. On the third head, Luz picked up a two to lead by 6-2. He drew the first shot two feet in the forward draw and followed this up with a good shot 10 inches behind the jack.

Luz again chose a medium-short head. With Luz lying the shot a foot jack-high on the narrow side, Rumjahn trailed the jack about a foot with his third wood to be one and added in the second shot after Luz had missed in his attempt to rest the shot-wood.

The fifth head saw Luz executing one of his specialties. Rumjahn was lying three shots, all within a foot of the jack, with a partial blocker protecting him when Luz with his last wood trailed the jack a few inches for the shot.

Trailing behind now by 4-7, Rumjahn came back into his own on the sixth head. He drew a hugging toucher with his first wood, and after putting in a backhand blocker, drew the second shot around it to finish up two feet behind the jack. Luz, in need of his heavy draw and Rumjahn drew the third shot within two feet to level the score at 7-7.

On a full seventh head a drawn shot by Luz about 11 inches in the forward draw stayed for the count to enable him to regain the lead at 8-7.

EVEN AGAIN

Rumjahn, however, drew even again at 8-8 after drawing a near toucher with his first wood on the eighth head, and took the lead for the first and only time in the game on the next head with a single.

Luz had drawn the first shot about 10 inches in the forward draw with his first wood, but Rumjahn made a fine shot with his second wood, when he rested the shot wood through.

The 10th head proved to be the turning point. Trying to roll the jack for a full head, Rumjahn ditched it and Luz switched to a flag-high head. Rumjahn was either through or narrow and although he succeeded in resting Luz's second shot with his last attempt, he could not stop his opponent from drawing the second shot with his last wood.

Keeping the head flag-high, Luz collected another good count of three on the 11th head. Rumjahn had bad luck on this head. Luz was then lying the first shot about a foot jack-high on the backhand side, the second shot about 18 inches behind and the third shot about 20 inches jack high on the backhand side.

In trying to rest the first or third shot from the backhand with his last wood Rumjahn missed both of them and went through the eight-inch port between the two woods.

FINAL EFFORT

Fighting back gamely, Rumjahn returned into the game with a couple of two on the next two heads to draw level at 13-13, but these proved to be his next to final efforts.

Luz took a two on the 14th head and reverted to a flag-high head. Two successive singles and a two brought him to 18-13. Rumjahn made his last stand on the 18th head. He drew a toucher with his first wood and wicket off a side-wood for the second shot.

In possession of the jack, Rumjahn failed badly on the 19th head, which proved to be the last head of the match. Choosing a full head, he fell four feet short with his first delivery.

Luz was a yard through. With his second wood, Rumjahn was again short—this time by five feet. Luz, however, did not so much better, as his second wood swung across and was wicket off by Rumjahn's front wood.

Rumjahn was again short by four feet with his third wood. Luz drew the first shot two and a half feet behind the jack. On his last attempt, Rumjahn succeeded in resting the shot-wood to lie one, but Luz put in the finishing touch with a brilliant shot as he just rested the shot wood through by a fine margin of 3-12.

PAIRS SEMI-FINALS
Played yesterday were also the two semi-finals of the Colony Open Pairs event. At the Hongkong Cricket Club, E. C. Barros and F. Lee sprang a minor surprise when they eliminated their Craigiepower Cricket Club club-mates, F. C. Medar and C. R. Rossetti, by a convincing margin of 33-12.

Lee, in particular, was in brilliant form. Both combinations enjoyed an equal share of the play up to the end of the fifth head when the score stood at 12-11 in favour of Barros and Rossetti.

From then onwards, however, the game took an entirely different complexion. There was only one shot in the game and that was Barros and Lee. Scoring head after head throughout the twelve remaining heads, they finished up with a 33-12 score.

At Kowloon Bowling Green Club, the Recreio combination of G. A. Gutierrez and J. E. Noronha gained the other finalists' berth with a 23-12 win over Kowloon Cricket Club's J. Tang and J. S. Landolt. Tang and Landolt started promisingly by scoring four successive singles to lead by 4-0.

Gutierrez and Noronha scored their first shot on the fifth head. On the sixth head, Tang and Landolt challenged up another single but faltered after that. The Recreio pair took two fours and a three on the next three heads to lead by 12-5 and never looked back after that until the final score of 23-12 was reached.

USRC FAIL

Saturday's League programme saw the play-off of one deciding match. This was the Second Division game between United Services Recreation Club and Hongkong Cricket Club at King's Park to decide which of the two teams would be relegated to the Third Division.

The Services club needed a 4-1 win to avert relegation and despite valiant efforts by their 12 bowlers failed in the attempt by just four shots in a thrilling finish.

Tommy Morgan's four gave the Cricket Club an early lead with a 10-12 win over R. A. Edward's four.

Some very good bowling by D. L. Edwards enabled him and his rink to match a 17-18 win over F. Marshall's four to allow the third USRC four skipper, R. M. Hetherington a fighting chance to make it against F. Howarth's four.

After trailing behind by 11-10, Hetherington's four took a six on the 20th head to lead



UNIVERSITY GAMES

Manfred Germar Achieves Notable Sprint Double Against Crack Stars

Paris, Sept. 8.
Manfred Germar, of Germany, achieved a notable sprint "double" against top class opposition today when he won the 200 Metres at the University Games, which ended here.

Having won the 100 Metres on Friday, Germar, European record-holder, today romped home an easy winner in the good time of 21.3 secs on a rain-soaked track. The Russian ace, Barteniev, was second in 21.7 and Thiam (France) was third in 21.8.

The other finals today went to Britain, Austria, Yugoslavia and France.

Britain's Kevin Gilligan ran a fine tactical race to win the 400 Metres in 14 mins 31.0 secs. The Yugoslav Mugosa was second in 14:32.8 and Hacker, of Hungary, third in 14:37.0.

Czelegli (Austria) produced a fine last lap to win the 1,500 Metres in 4 mins 50.0 secs. Pipine (Russia) was second in 5:01.0 and Mengler (Germany) was third in 5:01.3.

Yugoslavia's Longer took the Men's 110 Metres Hurdles in 14.6 secs. Ith Kaburov (Bulgaria) second in 14.9, and France won the Men's 4 x 100 Metres in 4.14 secs. Germany were second also in 4.14 and Russia third in 4.15.—Reuter.

THE RESULTS

Athletics (Men)

110 Metres Hurdles—Larger (Yugoslavia) 14.6 seconds.

400 Metres Hurdles—Ilina (USSR) 58.3 seconds.

Relay 4 x 100 Metres—France 4.14 seconds.

Relay 4 x 400 Metres—Germany 3 mins 10.9 seconds.

Shot-Put—Ovsepian (USSR) 10.57 metres.

Broad Jump—Witte (Germany) 7.41 metres.

Javelin—Tshoubenko (USSR) 80.63 metres.

High Jump—Stepanov (USSR) 2.12 metres.

Discus—Kompanetz (USSR) 53.38 metres.

Pole-Vault—Wazny (Poland) 4.40 metres.

Hammer Throw—Sametov (USSR) 58.60 metres.

Women

100 Metres—Krepkina (USSR) 11.8 secs.

200 Metres—Ilkina (USSR) 24.6 secs.

800 Metres—Ermolova (USSR) 2 mins 12.3 secs.

60 Metres Hurdles—Babovic (Yugoslavia) 11.5 seconds.

Football League Referees Line Up For More Money

By DAVID JACK

Football League referees want more money... and they will not take "No" for an answer when they present their case. Present scale is five guineas a match, and despite the steep rise in the cost of living, the poor old ref. has been pugged at that figure for more than ten years. No wonder the Referees' Society complains that the man with the whistle is the forgotten man of Soccer.

Secret ballots are being taken to see if referees are prepared to make an issue of their no-rise complaints. It is understood that voting is unanimous that something must be done—and quickly.

As a famous Cup Final referee told me: "Wage increase have been made to everyone in football... except referees and linesmen. It makes you wonder if we count at all in this game." He is right. It is time the Football League DOUBLED their pay—and while they are at it, the League should make up their minds about the age of retirement.

Referees do not know now whether they will be put on the scrap heap at 47 or 50, and that is why many in their 40s are making enquiries about jobs in South America. At least two of Britain's best referees are preparing to leave the country. They would rather stay at home—if they knew what the future held for them.

With youngsters holding first team forward places at Stamford Bridge, several clubs are making enquiries about Chelsea's disposed inside men, Les Stubbs and John McNichol. Luton Town, Bournemouth and Sheffield United are interested in both players.

HIS LAST SEASON?

This is probably Jimmy Hagan's last season in Soccer. The Sheffield United artist, probably the unluckiest player in football as far as the game's honours are concerned, has been 20 years at Exmouth Lane. Now he is thinking about devoting all his energy to running and writing sports outfitting business.

Says United manager, Joe Mercer: "If Jimmy does hang up his boots, we'll put on a really big benefit match for him. He certainly deserves it." Sad season for Soccer if it sees the last of both Hagan and the fantastic Len Shackleton. You cannot replace the Mannions, Carters, Hagans and Shacks.

Stockport County extended the hand of friendship to visitors Oldham Athletic in a programme note for the first match of the season. I quote:—"Under the guidance of manager Ted Goodier, they have a reputation for keen, boisterous play. We will remember last year's match at Edgeley Park when we lost three of our players had to receive treatment for injuries the following morning."

No comment from me. It's a pity there was any from Stockport.

Manchester United have been invited to Baringhausen, the magnificent German sports camp in the pine forests of Lower Saxony, for three weeks holiday next spring.

Says manager Matt Busby: "The Germans want us to spread the gospel by playing a few games against minor teams, but I'm afraid the fixture programme is too crowded for us."

In May, England play internationals in Belgrade and Moscow before travelling to Sweden for the World Cup. Apart from Irishmen Jackie Blinchevower and Billy Whelan

EVERY Manchester United first team player is among the international possibilities. And Busby couldn't send his Central League side to Baringhausen!

Remember Wally Ardron, prolific scoring centre-forward with Rotherham United and Nottingham Forest? Wally gave up football with a damaged knee two years ago. Now as a qualified physiotherapist and chiropodist, he is in practice in Rotherham, but missing football badly. Wally tells me: "My whole life has been devoted to keeping fit and keeping others fit, but I'd like to be doing it in football."

I have Wally Ardron's address if any clubs are interested.

GEORGE'S CHANCE

George Poyser, sacked by Notts County last season when Rhyl beat Notts in the FA Cup, will probably be back in football within a couple of weeks. Two tempting offers have been made to him by First Division clubs, and George comments: "After 30 years in football as player, coach and manager, the temptation to return is almost irresistible, but I shall not."

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Burmese Voted 'Mr Physique' In Malaya

Kuala Lumpur, Sept. 8.
Ka Kun of Burma was voted "Mr Physique" in the Merdeka Weightlifting Championships held here last night.

Runner-up was Pak Wah-phang of Malaya and third was Robert Teo of Singapore. Malayan Olympic lifter Tan Kim-bee broke the Middle-heavyweight Malayan record with a lift of 810 pounds (280 kgs), 220 South and 300 Clean and Jerk.

Tan bettered all the existing weights in the three lifts.—Reuter.

BOB RICHARDS RETIRES FROM ATHLETICS

Los Angeles, Sept. 8.
The Reverend Bob Richards, twice Olympic Pole Vault Champion, is retiring from competitive athletics to be a coper on a television sports programme.

In accepting the post Mr Richards said he did not plan giving up his religious work.—China Mail Special.

AMERICAN TENNIS

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Stirling Moss Wins Italian Grand Prix Race

Monza, Sept. 8.
Britain's Stirling Moss in a British Vanwall won the 28th Italian Grand Prix automobile race on the Monza track here today.

Argentina's World Champion driver, Juan Manuel Fangio, in an Italian Maserati, was second, in the 500 metres race. After this last race of the season counting for the Drivers' World Championships, Fangio kept his title with Moss second. This was the fifth time that Fangio had won the world title. Other results in today's Formula One race:

3. Von Trips (Germany)—Ferrari.
4. Masten Gregory (USA)—Maserati.
5. Harry Schell (USA)—Maserati.
6. Mike Hawthorn (Britain)—Ferrari.
7. Tony Brooks (Britain)—Vanwall.
8. Luigi Musso (Italy)—Ferrari.—France-Press.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
CCC	14	10	4	0	52
Recreio	14	10	0	0	47½
KCC	14	9	5	0	41½
IRC Blue	14	9	5	0	41
KDC	14	8	6	0	38
KBGC	14	8	6	0	22½
TC	14	3	11	0	22
IRC Gold	13	2	11	0	10½

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
CCC	18	15	2	1	67
Recreio	18	13	4	1	60½
FC Red	18	10	8	0	51
KCC	18	9	9	0	43
HKFC	18	7	11	0	41½
PRC	18	8	10	0	39½
FC Blue	18	8	10	0	38½
HKCC	18	0	12	0	38½
USRC	18	5	13	0	32

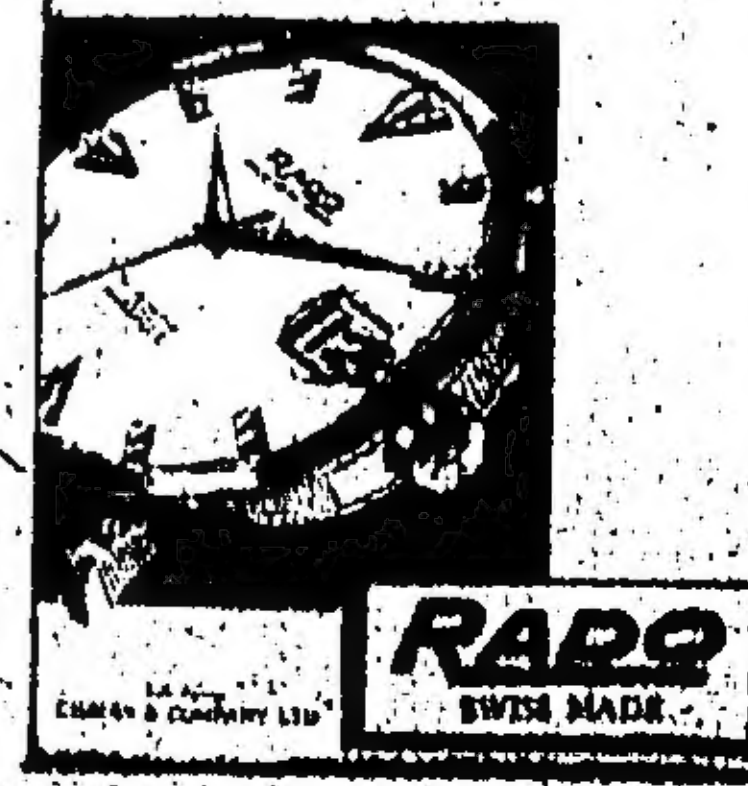
THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
HKPSA	17	14	3	0	64
Recreio	17	14	2	1	61½
Stanley	17	11	5	1	58
HKERC	17	9	7	1	49
IRC	17	10	4	1	45½
KBGC	17	9	8	0	44½
PRC	17	0	10	0	38½
CCC	15	5	10	0	30½
HKFC	15	5	10	0	28½
KCC	17	5	12	0	28
HKCC	18	1	14	1	16

THE GAMBOLS



Time on your hands...



NORTHAMPTON TOWN MAKES A BIG OFFER FOR DENNIS WILSHAW

By JAMES CONNOLLY

London. Northampton Town have made a big offer for Dennis Wilshaw, Wolves displaced international inside-forward. Wilshaw is not on the transfer list and he has not asked for a move, but Wolves have had a steady stream of inquiries. I am sure that they will part—at the right price.

Wilshaw, who is a Staffordshire schoolmaster, has been one of the most successful goal-snatchers in post-war football.

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Tommy Taylor is an automatic choice as England's centre-forward, but the £30,000 leader is going to be pushed to hold his place in the Manchester United team.

Challenger is 17-year-old former England schoolboy international Alex Dawson, son of a Hull trawlerman. Flery and two-footed Dawson combines the confident poise of Roger Byrne with the bite of Duncan Edwards. Exceptionally good in the air, he may yet

prove Manchester United's greatest find. But he can never challenge for a place in the England team. He was born in Aberdeen. His schoolboy cap was won on residential qualification.

Tipped for an international comeback is Luton's inside man Allan Brown.

JUST THE ANSWER

Scotland are desperate for an inside-left and an in-form Brown could be just the answer. "I never felt fitter in my life," Brown told me. "Our trainer Jack Crompton has certainly pushed us hard, but it was worth it."

"With a good start our confidence came back and we have

been bringing off moves which would have scared us last season."

Also fancied by the Scotland selectors is winger Mike Cullen, previously capped for the "B" team on the right and the senior team on the left.

"I'm ready to play anywhere," he told me, "but I am happier and more confident on the right."

Joe Mercer, Sheffield United's manager, still looks for an inside-forward.

Spurs didn't give him any encouragement when he inquired for Johnny Brooks. Next call may be at Chelsea for Leslie Stubbs or Johnny McNichol. Also interested are Bournemouth, Luton, and Coventry.

VALUE FOR MONEY

Reading first-teamers have been stepped up to the new £17 a week maximum, but Harry Johnston has made it clear that he wants value for money.

"Nothing but your best is good enough now you are being paid at the same rate as First Division men," he warned his players.

"I want results. It is a desperate season for us. We can't afford to keep an out-of-form player in the first team."

Manchester City directors have given manager Leslie McDowall a free hand to buy the players he wants. And they won't haggle about prices.

The cautious Scot isn't rushing. He wants a winger—but it all depends on how Colin Barlow shapes in early games.

City aren't sure whether they will keep him on the right or left.

Latest Arsenal recruit Bobby Dixon sets a fine example to any youngster who seeks to make football his career.

The young tailor's cutter took his annual holiday fortnight to get a trial with Arsenal.

But it didn't take Jack Crayston a fortnight to decide that the Crook Town left winger was just the Arsenal type.

Sunderland's new manager, Alan Brown, is not wasting time. He is team-building now. The other week he nearly signed Hull's young right winger Brian Crispey for £12,000.

Then Crispey was dropped from the Hull first team and Sunderland stepped out.

Another Sunderland fancy is Ken Havard, the 20-year-old Chesterfield inside man.

FIVE FIGURE BIDS

Newcastle are ready to part with George Hannah, their versatile little inside-forward. During the past two years they have turned down several five-figure bids for the 27-year-old former Lincoln star.

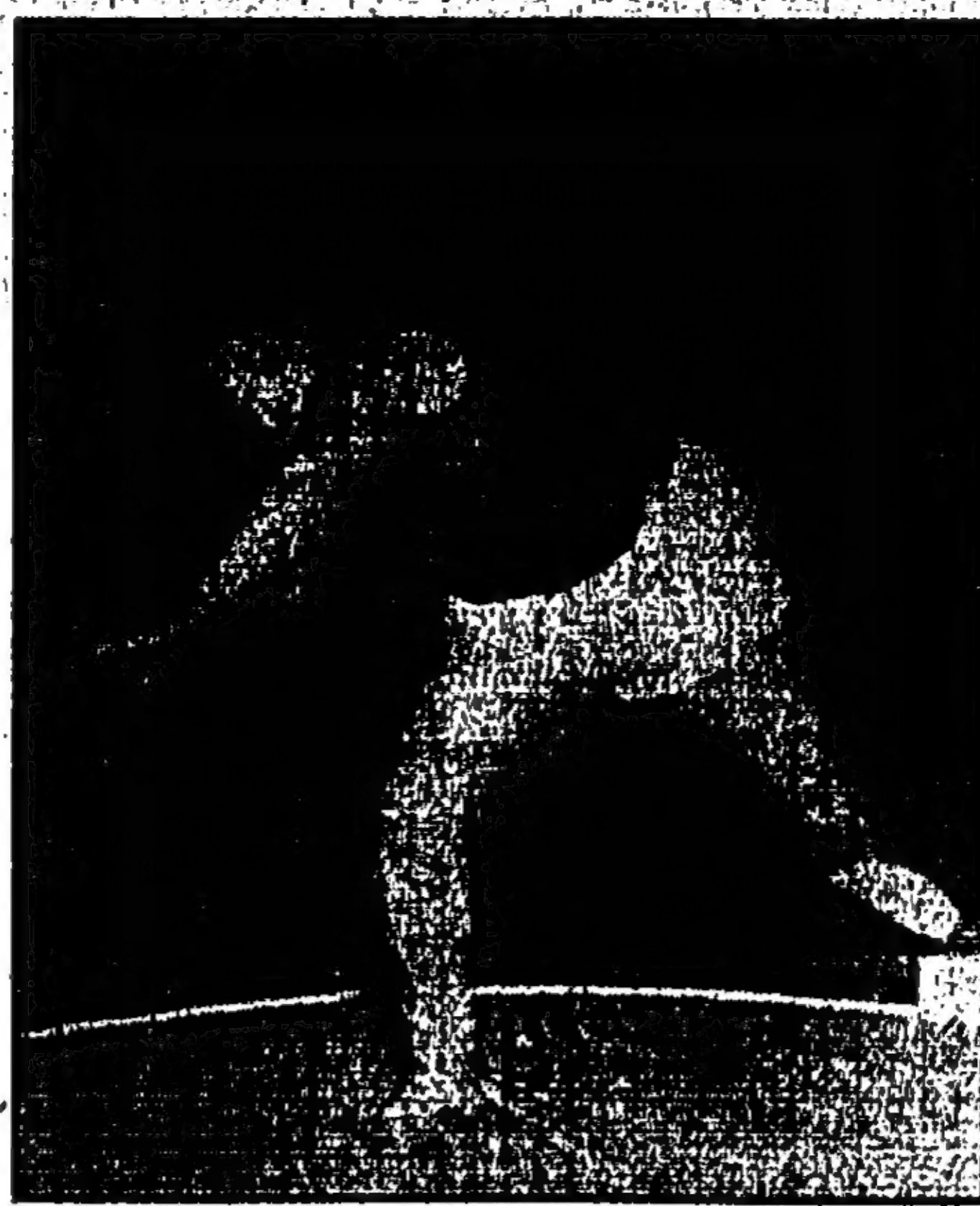
Portsmouth and Leeds have both been watching Hannah recently.

Brilliant early season goal-keeping form of Sandy Keroun seems destined to keep Harry Fearnley in the Huddersfield reserves.

That is why Fearnley would like a move from Leeds-road. He may get his wish fairly soon. Preston have watched him, and are ready to bid—London Express Service.

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SIXTEEN STONE PUTTER



Tamara Tyshevitch, the 16-stone Russian weight putter, competing in the Britain-Russia athletic meet at the White City on August 24.—Keystone Photo.

Missing Runner Found Dead By Rescue Party

Edinburgh, Sept. 8. A runner missing after a race to the top and down the Scottish mountain of Ben Nevis, the highest in Britain, died today shortly after being found by a rescue party.

The runner, T. H. Rix, 24, of Addlestone, Surrey, was found unconscious crouched behind a rock high up on Ben Nevis.

Police, local mountaineers and a Royal Air Force mountain team set out from Fort William last night when Rix failed to report after the race in which 70 runners took part. — Chitina Mail Special.

Sports Diary TODAY

Tennis: LHC Tennis Championships: Club's Men's Doubles, 11 a.m.; Club's Mixed Doubles, 9 a.m.

Bowls: 3rd Division: Rectory v CCC.

Swimming: Fire Brigade Swimming Gala, Chung Sing, 10.30 a.m.

TOMORROW

Swimming: Heats of Colony Swimming Championships, 8 p.m.

74 L.A.A. Swimming Gala, Victoria Pool, 2 p.m.

Meeting: HKFA Management Committee Meeting, Sports Road, 5.45 p.m.

Tennis: LHC Tennis Championships: Colony Ladies' Doubles, Club Mixed Doubles, 11 a.m.; Club Men's Singles, 9.30 a.m.

I FAVOUR A COMPROMISE PLAN WITH REPLACEMENTS FOR INJURED PLAYERS ONLY

Says DEREK JOHN

London.

Is international football to become, like American baseball, a game where the coach is the complete controller of tactics?

It could if the FIFA, the international ruling body, succeeds in thrusting its new plan for substitutes on the soccer world. The proposal is that a substitute for any player—irrespective of injury—should be allowed in a match.

Thus the manager of a team could switch his players just as he pleases and take complete charge of tactics. Fresh men could be brought on to replace flagging players.

The question of substitutes is soccer's trickiest problem. The International Board, which alone has the power to amend or change the laws, has been discussing the matter for ten years. And it is still under review.

What is the best answer? I favour a compromise plan, with replacements for injured players only.

My suggestion: that substitutes be allowed for goalkeepers at any time in a match; that other players may be replaced up to half-time, but only after a waiting period of, say, fifteen minutes.

WAITING PERIOD

This waiting period after a player had left the field would act as a deterrent to managers who plan to change their men for purely tactical reasons. And it should counter-balance any advantage gained by having a fresh player.

I favour a separate ruling for goalkeepers since it is such a specialised position. In the last two FA Cup Finals we have seen the effect of injury to goalkeepers.

Last year, Manchester United lost their goalkeeper Ray Wood after only six minutes play and lost the match.

The year before, Manchester City's goalkeeper Bert Trautmann was injured. He played on in terrible pain and City won.

Afterwards it was discovered that he had broken his neck. By carrying on Trautmann nearly put himself out of the game for life.

Determined to make a good showing in the World Cup next year, host country Sweden have

started a nation-wide search for young talent under English coach George Raynor.

Raynor is organising a series of "Stars of the Future" matches and intends to take the best youngsters to the football centre at Solna, near Stockholm, for special coaching.

The selected players will meet regularly during the winter and the final party of 22 will go into training together a month before the games begin in June.

New talent is badly needed because of the number of Swedish players who become professionals abroad. Inside-right Skoglund and outside-right Palme were both lost to Italy before the Italians introduced the rule requiring foreign players to be of Italian descent.

They followed stars like the Nordahl brothers, Liedholm, Jeppson and Hamrin.

AUSTRALIAN RUGBY

Stand by for the biggest-ever row in Australian Rugby... because 27-year-old Sydney doctor and ace goal-kicker Dick Tooth has been left out of the Wallaby team to tour Britain.

Tooth may never again play rugby in Australia. He is taking a post-graduate course in England, intends to turn out for a London club.

Tooth captained Australia against New Zealand's All Blacks early this year.

Then he was dropped after an off-day in the final tour trial

recently—on the eve of his wife, Marlene, expecting a baby. Critics say the selectors should have made allowances for his domestic worry during the game.

Says Marlene, daughter of the Swedish Consul in Sydney: "How could he be expected to be at the top of his form when he was worried about me?"

The oldest golf club in the world, the Royal Blackheath, at Eltham, Kent, celebrates its 350th birthday next year. It was founded in 1608 at the time that King James I introduced the game to England.

The club is unusual—apart from the fact of age. It has a field-marshal and several captains, who were roed coats with velvet collars and cuffs, and an opalite on the right shoulder. The field-marshal, overlord of the club captains, wears a red coat with two epaulettes.

There are 500 members and the clubhouse is a 17th century building which has recently been restored at a cost of £50,000. It is the finest clubhouse in the South of England and has been scheduled by the Government for preservation as an ancient monument.

The 300th anniversary coincides with the centenary of Blackheath Rugby Club, so to celebrate the occasion the golfers have challenged the rugby types to a golf match.

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MERCER IS FREE FOR HESIOD IN ST. LEGER

By PETER SCOTT

Jack Jarvis, trainer of Messmate and Donald, announces that neither will run again this season. The news means that both colts, about whom such high hopes were justifiably held a few months ago, will retire into winter quarters with only Donald's walk-over in The Whip between them in 1957.

Messmate had looked a really sound prospect for the Derby, and Donald one of our chief hopes against the French in the cup races.

Probably they are "two more victims of the unreasonably dry spring and the loss of form of these genuine, and previously consistent, colts, may be partly attributed to the necessity of training them for their important early season engagements on hard ground."

PLAYED ITS PART

No doubt that dry spell before the Guineas and Derby also played its part in causing the Crepello breakdown.

Withdrawal of Messmate and all other Jack Jarvis St. Leger entries means that stable jockey Manny Mercer is definitely free to ride the Duke of Norfolk's Hesiod in the final classic.

The colt, unplaced in his five starts last year, and unbeaten in many races this season, has been ridden by Mercer in his last two successes.

POPULAR

A 33-1 chance at the last call-over, Hesiod has proved such a popular each way bet that it is now difficult to beat 18-1 and he may be quoted at around 100-0.

Nearly all of the 11 classic winners sired by Hyperion were successful during the war years. They include the substitute St. Leger winners of 1941 and 1942, Sun Castle and Sun Charlot.

With another son, Hornbeam, just falling 12 months ago, Hesiod may represent Hyperion's last real chance of siring a St. Leger winner at Doncaster.

RESTRICTED

This 27-year-old stallion is nearing the end of his career, his services being restricted to a

few races belonging to Lord Derby and his family.

St. Leger's collier will probably be quiet again, bookmakers and backers preferring to wait for the publication of the final acceptances.

It seems at present as though there will be about 15 of them, Tenterhooks included. Probably no final plans will be made for Lord Allendale's colt until his connections have studied both the St. Leger acceptances and those for the Doncaster Cup.

Meanwhile, Tenterhooks and his stable companion Brioche continue to please in their preparations, both colts working well at Malton on Saturday.

BRAQUE AGAIN

Three overseas results have bearing on Europe's richest race, the £60,000 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on October 6. Braque, returning to the tracks after a few weeks' rest, scores over 10 furlongs in Milan, and is now unbeaten in nine starts.

If the Italian St. Leger, on September 22 still shows him in top form he will be sent to Longchamp.

French Derby winner Amber, also returning after a short lay-off, won over the big race course and distance at Longchamp the other day in a style which suggested that, with Al Mabsout, he will be the best of his country's three-year-old colts in the race.

The Belgian champion, Tudral recovered winning form at Boisfort, near Brussels, winning by a length and a half.

Plans to run Tudral in the Champion Stakes at Newmarket have been scrapped and he is now a Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe probable.

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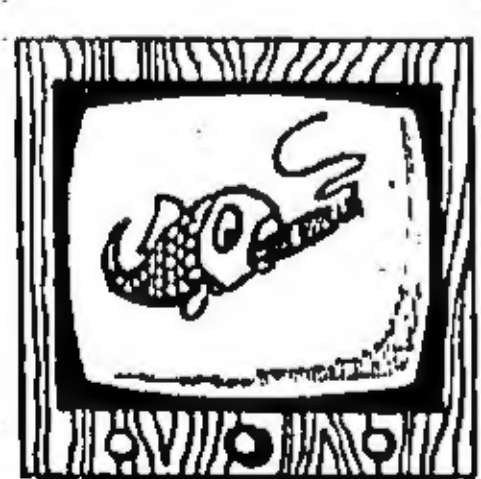
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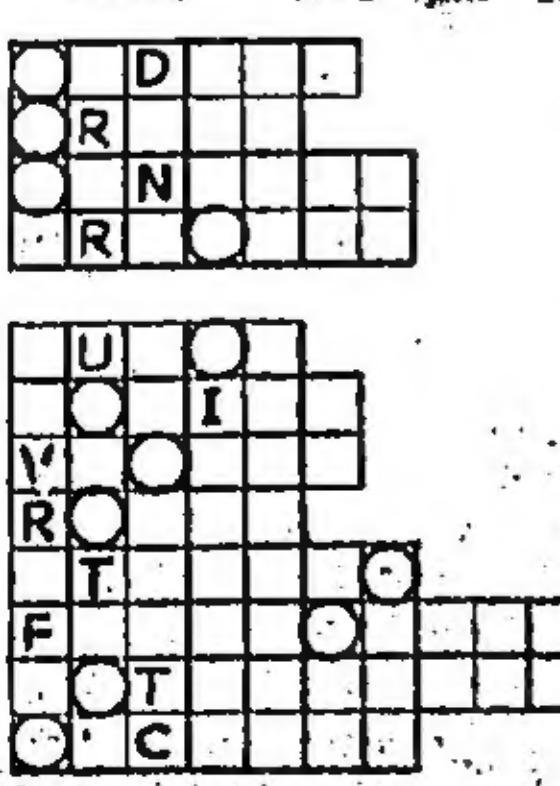


By Frank Robbins



NAMESAKES

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A CROWD of happy children sat around tables in Repulse Bay stuffing themselves with cakes, sandwiches and pop.

It was February, 1935. A South China Morning Post reporter asked them "What would you like to be when you grow up?"

Almost all were the sons of missionaries, clergymen and doctors. But they had a new-found respect for the Royal Air Force whose planes had found them and the Royal Navy whose ships had escorted them into port.

"I want to be a pilot," whooped one. "And I'm going to join the Navy," another.

Free Tuck

True, between them, the children had lost \$300 pocket money during the piracy of the Butterfield & Swire steamer Tugchow, but for most, to be captured by pirates, to be "lost" for two days while "the whole world was awake with anxiety," to be given free tuck from the ship's stores by the pirate chief and finally to be given a souvenir before the pirates' departure was to say the least ample compensation. Indeed it was an adventure that any schoolboy would have given his whole summer holidays for.

We'll probably have to write essays on it when we get back to school," piped up one small voice. A chorus of sympathetic groans.

There were a few, however, who will carry with them to the end of their days the sight of one of the most brutal killings ever committed on the China coast.

Shot Two

Sergeant Thirvoff almost succeeded in quelling the pirates' attack in the first few minutes. Flourishing his Mauser, he shot down two in his first attack on the promenade deck. Concealed behind a skylight he made a difficult target.

He was borne to the deck under a mass of pirates, said an eyewitness later. "Roaring like a bull, he struggled again to his feet with pirates still clinging to him. Then the chief, taking care of him, fired three bullets into his back and the Russian fell to the deck mortally wounded."

Firm Friends

"He lay there for half an hour and then, grunting, turned his head and opened his eyes. One of the pirates saw him and walked calmly up to the dying man, calmly put his revolver to the Russian's head

and blew out his brains. The body was thrown overboard."

The only other casualty was a young N.W. Zealand engineer, K. McDonald, victim of an earlier piracy, the "Shumlin". He grabbed the two youngsters who came down to the engine room to tell him "Gunmen are shooting up the ship". He made for a doorway leading to the deck. As he stepped through he came face to face with a pirate who fired blindly hitting him in the right breast inches above one of the curly-top heads of the boys he was carrying.

Curiously, nemesis played no part in the proceedings of the next few days. It was as if fanaticism and ruthlessness were the ingredients of a poison they had drunk, a stimulant like Dutch courage effective as long as circumstances demand it and then it wears off naturally.

In no time the pirates were firm friends of most of the 70 children—boys and girls aged from seven to 17.

A Scuffle

It was doubtful whether the pirates realised when they planned this particular attack that all their European pas- sengers, though not wealthy, would quite readily co-operate with any plan that made them one week late for school.

They were on their way back to Chefoo school after their Christmas holidays.

The Tugchow left Shanghai on January 20, 1935. The ship was hardly clear of Woosung when Mr. J. N. Duncan, who was in charge of the children, with five school mistresses from the Chefoo school, noticed a scuffle on the after hatch.

"I thought at first it was trouble among the crew. I got some of the children together and sent them inside," he told a South China Morning Post reporter later.

"We were in the saloon when a party of people came scuffling by us. A Russian guard was being followed by about four of the ruffians and he was fighting hard.

"Then there was a shot and the poor fellow collapsed. I saw him twitching on the deck after which he did not move at all."

"I told the children to go inside when suddenly a man tackled me. He stuck a pistol in my ribs but was so excited that when I offered him my money he did not take it. The captain (J. C. Smart) and the officers were all brought

into the saloon. Meanwhile the children were taking it very well and the pirates were not interfering with them.

The pirates were all talking hard and demanding of the captain that he should give up all the ammunition and arms. He was trying to convince them that he had done so, but they were waving pistols about in a very reckless manner.

The leader of the pirates was a very young man (later reckoned about 28) but evidently very experienced.

He was very reasonable and allowed the children to have three meals a day. For three days they were kept in the saloon.

Opinions differ among the children about those three days. One seven-year-old girl complained that the pirates took \$7 pocket money from her and gave her only one orange. One boy claimed, however, that when the pirates brought up a case of oranges from the ship's store and started pelting them playfully he "bagged" 17. He was all in favour.

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Indignity

An older boy, Mark Griffiths told reporters later. "We had an awful time trying to keep the kids quiet. They made such a row playing games and ragging that we thought they would annoy the pirates. But once they were in control they were very friendly."

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Repaired

In Shanghai, Chefoo and the mission stations of Shanghai "fears ripened into certainty that either a major disaster or piracy had occurred" as the Tugchow steamed south, hundreds of miles off course, for Blas Bay, the notorious pirate haunt, north-east of Hongkong.

Hermes, exercising off Swatow, began searching for her, but her planes barred from flying over Chinese territorial waters did not sight the B & S steamer. The county-class cruiser Suffolk and the sloop Sandwich also went in search.

The Dregs

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Perhaps even if they had sighted her they would not have recognised her. Two white circles with a red circle in between were painted on the funnel and the name was changed to Tao Maru.

Tugchow eventually reached Blas Bay. The pirates' biggest disappointment was their discovery that the \$250,000 worth of "bullion" which they had been told was on board, turned out to be five cases of Chinese banknotes—all unsigned.

From the passengers the loot amounted to a miserable \$3,000.

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sight of Chilling lighthouse and stowed into it what they had looted. Then the two leaders clambered aboard followed by two others. Then search planes appeared.

This caused a general stampede and in the panic the rope holding the junk to the ship was cut and the pirate chief and three others pushed off and made for the shore taking the loot with them.

The six left on board were the dregs of the band and they rushed around all over the place in a panic. They alarmingly waved their revolvers towards us and threatened to butcher everybody including the children unless we guaranteed that the British authorities would not harm them.

"Captain Smart managed to pacify them and they eventually launched one of the ship's lifeboats taking the chief officer, the wireless operator and five Chinese hostages and rowed off shore."

"On the way to the shore one of the pirates discharged his Mauser through the bottom of the boat, apparently with the intention of rendering it useless. He miscalculated the distance

from the shore, however, and the boat would have sunk then and there had not the Chief Officer improvised a plug for the hole.

"Once ashore the pirates fled, leaving the hostages there. Another boat was launched from the ship to bring back the hostages. Meanwhile another plane appeared and circled the ship to the cheers of the children.

"I am sure that if we tried to get in touch with any other vessel or if a warship had come into sight while the pirates were on board, they would have dealt with the children."

Our Prayers

"Throughout the whole three days we were in the hands of the pirates our prayers were answered one by one right down to the very last."

The discovery of the ship and the news that the passengers had been unharmed brought this cable from Reuters' correspondent in Shanghai. "No news since the end of the great war was greeted with such general relief by the foreign

community as the tidings that the children were safe."

In Hongkong the children were exhibiting strands of wool and patches of an old jersey, which the Pirate Chief had thrown them as a souvenir before leaving.

It was the Tugchow's second piracy. The first was in 1925 when a looting party got away with about \$40,000 including \$30,000 worth of silver bullion.

On the way back to Chefoo, the Tugchow carried only the children as passengers. The 108 Chinese deck passengers were transferred to another ship, the change-over being effected by a duster to ensure absolute peace of mind for the children and their teachers during the remainder of the trip. For the same reason no passengers were taken on at Shanghai when the ship passed through that port, the Morning Post reported later.

MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL
ENDS ON A DAMP NOTE

By A CHINA MAIL REPORTER

Hongkong's multi-million dollar mooncake festival ended on a damp note last night when clouds obscured the full moon and a slight drizzle began falling soon after 10 p.m. The Mid-Autumn Festival—celebrated in a mid-summer temperature of 80 degrees plus—is the second biggest in the Chinese calendar.

The cost in mooncakes, lanterns, traditional fruit and feast ran into many millions of dollars. Earlier this week one big Hongkong mooncake manufacturer estimated that the Colony's expenditure on mooncakes alone was \$5 million. On top of that Chinese residents must have spent at least \$500,000 on lanterns for children. These are made of bamboo and paper in the form of rabbits (on wheels), kites, prawns and goldfish.

view Hongkong had of it was behind a screen of high altitude clouds soon after nine. Then the cloud thickened and the drizzle began falling.

Many Hongkong people—rich and poor—have been buying mooncakes on an instalment plan basis throughout the year. They buy coupons which, at the onset of the Mid-Autumn Festival entitle them to so many mooncakes.

The coupon (like some mooncake makers of a previous Mid-Autumn whatever the existing economic conditions.

RED LANTERNS

Thousands of homes hung out big red lanterns for the occasion.

Thousands celebrated with big feasts on Saturday night and last night. Many were held on rooftops so that guests could view the full moon.

At nine o'clock Hongkong saw the moon at its best. But soon after a drizzle (which) covered it and drizzle and drizzle failed to chase it away. The last

MAIL NOTICES

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GENERAL HOLIDAY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
By Air
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, 11 a.m.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, 6 p.m.
By Surface
P. East Africa, S. Africa, Brazil, Argentina, Persia direct, 11 a.m.
Australia, India, 1 p.m.
Macao, 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
By Air
Peking, Shanghai, Kuning, Hankow, Hsinchay, 7 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, 8 a.m.
Cambodia, Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, 9 a.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain, Europe, 10 a.m.
Australia, India, 1 p.m.
Macao, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
India, Persia, Pakistan, Iraq, P. East Africa, S. Africa, Brazil, Argentina, Persia direct, 11 a.m.
Australia, India, 1 p.m.
Macao, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
India, Persia, Pakistan, Iraq, P. East Africa, S. Africa, Brazil, Argentina, Persia direct, 11 a.m.
Australia, India, 1 p.m.
Macao, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
India, Persia, Pakistan, Iraq, P. East Africa, S. Africa, Brazil, Argentina, Persia direct, 11 a.m.
Australia, India, 1 p.m.
Macao, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
India, Persia, Pakistan, Iraq, P. East Africa, S. Africa, Brazil, Argentina, Persia direct, 11 a.m.
Australia, India, 1 p.m.
Macao, 4 p.m.

RADIO
Hongkong

1.15 p.m. Weather Report: 1.15, News and Special Announcements; 1.30, Afternoon Concert; 2.30, Music by Claude Thornhill and his Orchestra; 3.00, Musical Requests; 3.30, Birthdays; 4.00, The Music of the Future; 4.30, The Music of the Past; 5.00, The Music of the Present; 5.30, The Music of the Future; 6.00, The Music of the Past; 6.30, The Music of the Present; 7.00, The Music of the Future; 7.30, The Music of the Past; 8.00, The Music of the Present; 8.30, The Music of the Future; 9.00, The Music of the Past; 9.30, The Music of the Present; 10.00, The Music of the Future; 10.30, The Music of the Past; 11.00, The Music of the Present; 11.30, The Music of the Future; 12.00, The Music of the Past; 12.30, The Music of the Present; 1.00, The Music of the Future; 1.30, The Music of the Past; 2.00, The Music of the Present; 2.30, The Music of the Future; 3.00, The Music of the Past; 3.30, The Music of the Present; 4.00, The Music of the Future; 4.30, The Music of the Past; 5.00, The Music of the Present; 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SCIENCE AND
ENGINEERING

PERSONAL RADIO



Shortly to be in production, a transistorised personal portable radio—which contains six transistors and a diode—long and medium wave, and weighing only one pound—seen being demonstrated by Mr. Richard Roberts, who is seen taking it from his inside pocket—at a preview of the Radio Show which opened at Earl's Court last week—Keystone Photo.

Electronic Batching
And Summative
Counting Machine

A new electronic instrument designed expressly for both batching and summative counting has been produced by Atkins, Robertson and Whiteford, Ltd, Thornliebank, Glasgow, Scotland.

It has fast counting capacity up to 6,000 per minute, automatic batching, one to 1,000

Radio Mast
Packs Flat
For Export

A new type of lattice steel radio mast designed to withstand wind forces such as are often encountered in tropical countries and to pack flat for export is being manufactured by British firm. The firm says that it will still possess a high safety factor in winds of up to 100 miles-an-hour and is particularly suitable for use in tropical climates. A novel feature is that each 10-foot section is supplied and shipped in three parts, which are bolted together on the site in a few minutes to form a rigid triangular section. This enables the mast to be packed flat, saving 85 per cent of the space which would otherwise be used.

BASE PLATE
The full mast is available in heights from 30 to 100 feet in multiples of 10 feet. The base plate normally requires only to be placed in position. Foundations are required only with its fellows to form the complete mast.

The structure is guyed at 20 feet intervals with ropes made up to the required length and spliced ready for use by the manufacturers. One face of the mast is virtually a ladder for use during erection and aerial rigging. An optional refinement is a base which takes the whole weight of the structure on a spherical cap 1½ ins in diameter. Francis & Lewis Limited, 125/8 Prestbury Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, England.

TELEVISION FOR CYPRUS

The island of Cyprus is soon to have its own television service. The new station will be sited near Nicosia, the capital of Cyprus, and will adopt the existing sound broadcasting station. In common with the sound service, the new television service will be entirely Marconi-equipped. Besides the necessary studio equipment, Marconi's are supplying a 500 watt vision

transmitter, and a 125 watt sound transmitter, and associated transmitting equipment. The station's Effective Radiated Power will be 1.5 kW. Technicians from Cyprus who will operate the new station have been undergoing training in the Marconi Works at Chislehurst, while the British Broadcasting Corporation has undertaken the training of programme producers.

PHOTO-ELECTRIC
The actuating unit of the equipment is normally a photo-electric cell and various types of heads incorporating photo-cells and light sources can be used. The input circuits being designed to provide maximum flexibility. The mounting of this unit, or head, is so arranged that it is actuated by the objects being counted, and the resultant total is read directly on the main instrument. Batch selection is carried out by means of three engraved switches accessible by opening the hinged door. The instrument will operate electro-mechanical devices such as fans, "tickers" and diverting guides, for the purpose of batching at the number to which the batcher has been set. Its design has reduced installation and maintenance to a minimum.

Four lugs are provided for mounting the main unit, and all external terminations to connecting leads, fuses, valves and batch selector switches are easily accessible. A push-switch is provided for setting the whole equipment to zero prior to a production run and a "test" switch enables the equipment to be checked by counting the frequency of the mains supply. The unit is 13½ inches high by 21 inches wide by 9¼ inches deep, and weighs 43 pounds.

U.S. Consumer Watched Carefully
ECONOMISTS BELIEVE
HE WILL INDICATE
REACTION OF ECONOMY

By JOHN MORIKO

New York, Sept. 8.

With Government spending increasing at a slower-than-expected rate and business capital expenditures levelling out, economists are now looking to the consumer for an indication of the direction the US economy will take in the months ahead.

Businessmen meanwhile are still keeping an eye on such key economic barometers as retail trade, auto and steel production, construction activity and inventories.

But President Eisenhower's appeal last week to business and individuals to cut down on buying no matter how much money they make turned the spotlight on what millions of American consumers will do with their dollars.

While opinions are mixed, the general feeling is that any slowing down in consumer spending at this time could spell trouble for the US economy. Many think consumer spending has been a very important factor in sustaining general business at current levels. Others think the American consumer has been over-extended.

More Cautious

But retailers all over the country are almost unanimous in their opinion that buyers already are more cautious in their spending habits. They insist that the post-Korean war spending spree is over and consumers are more discriminating in their purchases and are seeking quality merchandise.

Consumers are expected to shell out a record 278 billion this year for goods and services. That's an increase of almost 12 billion over 1956—itsself a record year. A big part of the increase represents stepped up spending for services such as travel, medical care and haircuts.

Some economists point out that much of the inflation which has taken place in the cost of living can be traced to increased costs of services, including medical care, travel and transportation. Despite inflation, these observers insist that the average consumer is better off than ever before.

Consumer disposable income—personal income after taxes—is expected to hit a new peak of around 300 billion in 1957. This, many think, augurs well for a continued high level of consumer spending. Because Americans are spending more than ever before for basic necessities, and luxuries, personal savings are running a bit below 1956.

Consumers are now saving around \$20,000,000,000—almost double the 1946 total. Economists are now watching the auto industry for a sign of what's ahead for the economy. The auto market could trigger a general upswing in business if the industry is putting out its new models and boosting sales. Although auto prices are expected to be about 100 higher, the experts expect the consumer to respond favourably to the new models.

More important in the view of many observers, is whether the industry can sell off some 750,000 1957-models now in dealers' stocks. This is about a six-week supply. Another big question mark is the extent to which the tight money and higher costs of financing will deter auto buying.

Interest Rates

With interest rates at 2½-year peaks, new car buyers might have to shell out more to cover financing costs, possibly as much as \$45 more on a medium priced model. In addition, auto dealers themselves are forced to pay higher interest rates to cover their inventories, may well pass on these added charges to the consumer.

Against this background, finance and banks may also become more selective in screening loan applications. Just this past week, the American bankers association warned against stretching installment credit terms on autos. It called attention to the "excesses" in 1955 when auto terms were extended to 30 months.

In that year total consumer credit expanded 6½ billion. In July, installment debt rose 300 million. This increase was the third largest of the year, bringing total outstanding installment debt during July to \$2.7 billion,

a 2.4 billion rise over a year ago. Back in 1955 the rise in July held about 40 per cent of auto debt, with finance companies under 50 per cent.

Credit Squeeze

A credit squeeze on auto buying could spell the difference between a good and only a nominal fourth quarter. Meanwhile the upward pressure on prices continues. Automobiles and new expected to seek another three per cent hike on freight rates, after recent hikes ranging to seven per cent. They blame rising labour costs. Treasury short term borrowing cost moved to a new 24-year high when the 91-day bill sold at an average cost of 3.571 per cent. The previous high was two weeks ago—3.498 per cent.

The Bankers Association also found that some countries are having a more difficult time financing their deficits. More delinquencies were showing up. The rate of repossession was off, although losses from these repossession were increasing.

The importance of installment buying as an aid to keeping goods moving from retail shelves was pointed up from an unexpected source last week. Two conservative J. C. Penney Co.—with largest retail organization in the United States—announced its 55-year-old case-and-carry policy and announced it was going to experiment with installment buying. In explaining its decision, the Company said it was writing to economists in a new way. Credit, it said, is now regarded as a mark of character rather than a sign of inability to pay. Whatever its definition, it is bound to add that much more drive to the buying public.

Elsewhere, appliance sales were lagging, with further layoffs reported in the industry. Prices of steel scrap declined by two and three in Pittsburgh, reflecting slow mill buying. Copper prices hit their lowest levels in over four years, as major producers reduced their quotations to 27 cents a pound in the face of world over-production, reflecting slow mill buying. Copper prices hit their lowest levels in over four years, as major producers reduced their quotations to 27 cents a pound in the face of world over-production, reflecting slow mill buying.

Steel Buying

There was good news from two other directions last week. The long-awaited pickup in steel buying by the all-important auto industry appears to have begun, although the small price of auto firms are reported to have worked off substantial inventories and will be placing new orders for steel and strip in increasing volume over the next month or two.

From Age Magazine, a national metal trade publication, it is thought they'll be in the market for more steel than they took a year ago at the start of the new model runs. And manufacturers generally are experiencing some improvement in new orders and sales, according to latest government figures. New orders in July rose by one per cent or \$25,000,000 during the month, mostly in non-durable goods.

Sales meanwhile rose in July by three per cent after a decline in four of the five previous months. At the end of the month, unfilled orders were valued at \$50,400,000,000, down 900 million from the June total and some 3 billion below the levels of a year ago. The decline was concentrated in durable goods.

While US industry continues with its plans for tremendous expansion at home it is not neglecting its overseas operations. Many of the American industrial plants earn as much as 10 per cent of their income from these foreign sources. Companies making everything from autos to soap are building new plants in foreign countries and expanding old ones at a multi-million-dollar a year clip to take advantage of growing markets abroad.

By producing a product in a foreign country, rather than importing it, US companies are

able to avoid tariffs and other trade restrictions.

Industry spokesmen also are impressed with the higher profit margins that such investment bring because of the lower taxes, wages and raw material costs.

By the end of this year, according to reliable estimates, US firms will have something like 32 billion invested in foreign firms. The oil industry in particular has a major stake in overseas operations. Standard Oil Co. (NJ), for instance, reported that 73 per cent of its 1956 consolidated net income of \$808,635,000 came from operations outside the United States.

American Steel firms have invested large sums in the development of iron ore reserves in Canada, Venezuela and Liberia.

Aluminum companies have sunk huge expenditures in bauxite operations in the Caribbean area. It has estimated that US firms now have construction projects underway in some 25 countries. —United Press.

Rumanian
Mission
For U.S.

Washington, Sept. 8.

Rumanian Minister Silviu Brugu said last Saturday he expects a trade delegation from Rumania to come to the United States this month to conclude contracts with private US firms.

Brugu said the Rumanian delegation was chiefly interested in deals with American chemical companies. He did not name them.

The delegation will be headed by Nicolai Forester, Minister of the Chemical and Oil Industry. Brugu announced the visit after a half-hour call on assistant Secretary of State C. Burke Elvirick. He said they discussed a number of problems including the terms of the trade delegation. —United Press.

SALES FALL
OFF ON
WALL STREET

By ELMER WALZER

New York, Sept. 8.

The Labour holiday week brought forth a mouse for the stock market.

Sales fell to the lowest daily since the week ended Nov. 20, 1953. Ralls set a new low since Dec. 3, 1954, in their average. Industrial stock lost more than five points in their average and utilities dipped a bit.

BUYERS ABSENT

Buyers were absent. Sellers were few. All waited to see what will happen in business so that a better view of the market's future can be obtained. Late in the week the fluctuations narrowed as much as volume fell off. Even the specials which often are wide movers held to small limits of movement.

Business itself wasn't half as worried over things as the market. Steel operations moved up again despite the holiday. Auto output would have been up except for the holiday and one company cutting back to go into new models. Building dipped on the week but was well above a year ago. Retail trade rose thanks to post-Labour Day promotions.

The biggest day of the week was on Tuesday when sales totalled 1,800,000 shares and

Washington, Sept. 8.

US exports climbed to \$12,593,000,000 during the first seven months of the year, 17 per cent above the comparable 1956 level, the Census Bureau reported today.

The report said that for July alone, exports of domestic and foreign merchandise totalled \$1,600,000,000, five per cent less than in June but three per cent more than in July, 1956.

Included in the July figure is \$188,000,000 worth of shipments of military goods. **DUE MAINLY**
The drop in exports from June to July, the report said, was due mainly to lower overseas shipments of wheat, unmanufactured cotton, coal, aviation motor fuel, passenger airplanes, civilian automobiles and commercial trucks and buses. Also slackening were exports of unmanufactured cotton, tobacco, pig iron, steel billets and crude cotton seed and linseed oil. —United Press.

CANADIAN
EXPORTS
UP SOME

Ottawa, Sept. 8.

Canadian exports in the first seven months of 1957 were 1.7 per cent higher in value than during the same period in 1956 and imports were 1.8 per cent higher, the Bureau of Statistics said today.

Exports during the first seven months of 1957 totalled \$2,779,800,000 and imports \$3,388,200,000. Canada's estimated import surplus for the January-July period totalled \$609,400,000 compared with \$59,500,000 in the same period a year ago.

Value of Canadian exports to United States in the seven-month period totalled 1,640,000,000 versus 1,611,000,000 in 1956. Imports from United States increased to 2,477,000,000 from 2,439,000,000 in 1956. Exports to the United Kingdom in the seven-month period fell to \$410,300,000 from \$416,300,000 in 1956. Imports from the UK rose to \$305,900,000 from \$284,700,000. —United Press.

TRADE FAIR

Vienna, Sept. 8.

The Vienna trade fair opens its gate today for the 66th time.

This year 19 countries will be represented from both sides of the Iron Curtain, including the United States and the Soviet Union. The largest exhibitor is Austria with 1,300 firms. —United Press.

COTTON FUTURES
MAINTAIN OVERTONE
OF STEADINESS

By WILLIAM T. PLUNKETT

New York, Sept. 8.

Cotton futures traced a narrowly irregular course in a four-day holiday-shortened week, but maintained an overtone of steadiness most of the time.

At Friday's close the list ruled seven points higher to eight points lower, or up 35 cents to down 40 cents a bale compared with the preceding week.

Recurring efforts toward a rally were coupled with mainly technical reasons, market analysts thought, following a slow slide in prices during the preceding eight weeks.

Operations were given over mostly to evening-up of accounts as traders looked ahead to the Government's second crop estimate for Monday morning.

While sellers were hesitant in face of the low prices, new buying interest was equally cautious in face of the more favourable tenor of crop news, plus the discouragingly slow development of new buying in the textile market and the slow rate of entries under the loan programme.

Private crop estimates ranged from 12,200,000 up to 12,750,000 bales. The average of six stood at 12,303,000 bales or 456,000 at 12,255,000 bales. The Government's Aug. 1 estimate for 11,607,000 bales. Last year's crop totalled 13,310,000 bales.

AVERAGE GUESS

The average guess of New York Cotton Exchange members was 12,209,000 bales while New Orleans Cotton Exchange members guessed 12,425,000 bales.

The unusually favourable weather conditions during August brought the contract-seasonal improvement in crop produced. But some traders were uncertain whether the Government report would confirm the sizable increase, allowance, or whether, in view of lateness of the crop in some areas, allowance would be made for a possible early frost.

Raw cotton reports for the 1957-58 season through Sept. 3, as reported by the New York Cotton Exchange, totalled 345,600 bales compared with 460,220 bales at the same time last year. —United Press.

The Bank Of England
Statement

London, Sept. 8.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended Sept. 4 is as follows:

Notes in circulation	1,938,025,051
Public deposits	13,214,255
Private deposits	455,521
Government securities	220,555,508
Other securities	40,879,105
Receipts	30,873,055
Ratio	123

—United Press.

AUSTRALIAN
AGREEMENT
WITH JAPAN

Canberra, Sept. 8.

The Australian Tariff Board said in a report to Parliament last week that it is still too early to assess the advantages or disadvantages of the trade agreement with Japan.

The report said that only experience will tell what benefits will be gained by Australian export industries and any disabilities that will be suffered by local manufacturers.

However, it said, the imposition of duties at levels anything like those mentioned in the agreement could have repercussions in other good customer countries also entitled to most favoured nation treatment.

The effects in the United Kingdom could be severe if the rates imposed on imports from the United Kingdom are determined by a reduction of the margin of preference from most favoured nation rates and not by the established method based on the relative costs of economic and efficient production, it said. —United Press.

The Bank Of France
Statement

Paris, Sept. 8.

The Bank of France statement for the week ended Aug. 20, reads as follows:

Total gold holdings	201,504,302,420
Total other assets	12,910,876,878
Significant balance abroad in E.P.U.	11,771,000,000
Advance to Stabilizing Fund	1,000,000,000
Don't Fund	1,000,000,000
Total bills discounted	1,336,704,030,100
Notes in circulation	5,219,000,000,000
Current accounts and deposits	376,007,131,807

—United Press.

NAMESAKES

Answers:—1 Judges, 2 Arena, 3 Contest, 4 Ereking, 5 Pursu, 6 Boxing, 7 Valdes, 8 Round, 9 Stadium, 10 Fishmonger, 11 Entertainers, 12 Seconds, Jack Solomon.

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THE HISTORY OF A NAVAL AND MILITARY CAT

by NICK GALTRESS

DESPITE considerable research the exact time and place of George's birth has remained undiscovered. This is a pity, as one look at George will suffice to assure you that here is no ordinary cat. His physical good looks, proud bearing and a mighty demeanour clearly distinguish him from the ordinary run of cats. At first glance it is clear that here is no byproduct of a light hearted liaison on the moon-lit tiles. One senses on first acquaintance that this is a creature fitted in every respect to look at any queen.

GOOD EFFECT

Such were the qualities which first brought George to the notice of The Royal Navy. More precisely, he fell under the eagle eye of an illustrious admiral, who insisted that George be "signed up". It is doubtful whether this recognition, coming as it did early in his life, had a good effect on his already inflated ego. Welcome alike in "Ward Room" and Cabin, he rode the waves in an ever increasing aura of glory.

With the speed of the socially successful, he leapt to distinguish between the various naval ranks and insignia. He allowed himself to be stroked by the heavily emblazoned arm of the Admiral but was quick to cold-shoulder the advances of men of lesser degree. He had not his standards and knew that to lower them was to displease his benefactor. His attitude did little to endear him to the Ward Room in general but as the Admiral had smiled on him, his snobbery was suffered in silence.

WEAKNESS

During his voyages at sea somewhat unfortunately George developed many of the less desirable characteristics of sea-faring folk. Greatest of these

was an overpowering weakness for the fair sex. In every port George had his admirers. These poor creatures impressed no doubt as much by his status in life as by his good looks, found him irresistible for his part, George loved them and left them with typical nautical abandon.

Before long, word of these scandals reached the ear of The Admiral who, being of a purer nature himself, was upset in the extreme. After much heart searching and disappointment in his failure to assess felicitous character, The Admiral made up his mind to put a stop to this licentiousness. Thereupon he issued orders.

"This was the unkindest cut of all," and marked the start of George's fall from grace. The first step in this decline was the transfer of George from the Royal Navy to The Army. The actual reason for this unspeakable fall from grace is not clearly known. It is considered, however, that a party, some "Fargo" and a fair measure of gas were the agents of this disaster. In short, whilst in Hongkong waters, an exchange took place between The Admiral and a certain brigadier, of George for a bottle of Port.

HIS SHAME

The feelings of George at this time can only be imagined. His shame was, however, somewhat mitigated when he landed with the first British troops in Korea. It must be realised here that there is no greater means of gaining respect for a penniless soldier than to be able to talk in Mess of experience of actual combat. Thus George, with his Korean experience behind him, soon regained some of his former self-confidence. With this assistance to his efforts he discovered that those qualities which had once endeared him to an admiral were once more his. He became once more a presence in the Mess, for whom after The Brigadier the best chair was always left vacant. He returned again to his arrogant ways and was quick to discover that amongst soldiers as with sailors there are ranks and grades. George learned that there were khaki clad legs against which to rub and smiling eyes against which it was unbecoming to be seen. Pampered and protected he passed from one brigadier to

another in a period of contentment second only to that of his naval days.

All this was, however, the calm before the storm which broke about his head quite unexpectedly. The Brigadier currently George's protector and provider was posted home to England. This worthy man it should be said did not leave without taking steps to provide for George but his efforts were not altogether successful. Amongst the senior officers of his acquaintance there seemed to be a marked lack of enthusiasm for cats. It was finally settled that as no new benefactor could be found of a rank befitting George's past career, a compromise must be reached. This was arranged and George was transferred to a mess presided over by a brigadier who lived out of mess. This gentleman it should be said, if the rest of this story is to be understood, although kindly disposed towards cats, was rather more kindly inclined towards dogs than towards anything else. In this atmosphere George once more tried to assert himself.

LONELINESS

Whether age had detracted from his power, or whether the inhabitants of the mess were, in the absence of the brigadier, less inclined to be agreeable it is hard to say. Yet the outcome was that George was kindly but coolly received. Gently but firmly removed from chair after chair, it became painfully clear to him that he would be obliged to lower his standards. This sacrifice would he felt gain him nothing but praise. With a sad heart he

offered his friendship to a certain Field Officer, who ungratefully rejected it. His subsequent advances to subaltern officers were not any better received.

Hitherto unknown loneliness and injured pride became the daily accompaniment of his existence. In this state of mind he lived on in the mess until one day from the Royal Air Force Mess across the road he received a kindly word. George was in a considerable dilemma. He knew that to cross that narrow road was to accept finally the measure of his fall from favour. He withheld his decision until one day he caught sight of a well beribboned officer of some dignity being received with what passed for great ceremony by The Royal Air Force across the way. A temporary glimpse of his former glory passed through his mind and with a slow and resigned step he crossed the narrow strip of road.

THE SEQUEL

Fate was to play yet another unkind trick on George, when before he had even had time to begin his campaign of reinstatement, the Air Force unit was moved away. Cutting his losses and restraining his distress he took up residence in the kitchen of his former Army Mess. There in the kind but unfeeling hands of the Chinese Mess staff he is living at this time.

The sequel to this story is, in conclusion, worth relating. George is, perhaps happier now than ever before. He has his creature comforts close at hand. He is no longer subject to the whims and foibles of senior officers. His arrogance has gone and in his new found humility he has discovered himself once more. He has time to meditate upon the precarious and uncertain nature of his former life, and if he moves quickly from under busy feet, keeps quiet and shows a little gratitude, he may yet avoid the cook pot.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I've quit using perfumes—my boy friend reacts only to cooking aromas!"

What's On Tonight

KING'S and PRINCESS: "Funny Face". Americans in Paris. Fred Astaire and Audrey Hepburn.
STAR and METROPOLE: "Men in War". A private feud in a public war. Robert Ryan and Aldo Ray.
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The woman who lives alone

"WOULD you like some co-o-o-l cucumber?" The cucumber, cradled on a dolly, graced the tea-trolley. I decided hunger was the better part of poise—and refused it.

Miss Ivy Compton-Burnett cut herself a slice of the cucumber just an eighth of an inch thick, pared it, salted it and, slicing it into tiny strips, ate it with complete attention. All was exactly as it ought to be. One could not imagine anything as brutal as a breakfast or as gluttonous as a dinner with Miss Ivy Compton-Burnett. But tea, as one of her characters would say, is a normal part of life.

Throughout her 15 strange and colorful novels, Miss Compton-Burnett pours conversation just as she was pouring China tea now.

They talk on

Child, fragrant and all but colourless, her characters talk on. Large Edwardian families in large houses casually revealing and then just as casually covering up some monstrous crime—murder, adultery, incest, blackmail.

I think all my books are much of a muchness. I don't end as some people do with a bang and then a cabbage soup the next," says Miss Compton-Burnett, who is rather plain-spoken despite her books being masterpieces of illusion. Her voice with its Edwardian tendency to over-elaborate rings round the large grey room in the Earl's Court and Kensington. It seems a bare room because all the furniture is drawn up close against the walls as though it were sheltering from the rain.

Her hair (grey with a faint yellow tinge) is curled round her head into a neat bun that almost rests along the brow. Her features are delicate, but her jaw is massive, monumental.

Tailored suit

She is dressed in a speckless black suit, tailored, one guesses, in the 1918-19 war.

The fingers of her small, white hands are pointed like obelisks. She is possibly by now 70, although one could not tell. "I think there were a lot of skeletons in the cupboards of those large but not very grand houses where people used to live. And every story must have a bone and therefore perhaps a skeleton."

There was a great prolonging of the "Bent" Act. "I'm very much threatened by the Rent Act. I'm not minding my rent enormously."

The other people here seem so same to pay it.

"This Conservative Government has people with private means so. It is we who have to toil up to the eighth floor now."

Her present flat where she has been for 28 years is on the first floor. Perhaps the increasing popularity of her books, plus the private means she has, will save her that toil up to the eighth floor.

Her book sales

Although she will discuss the book sales of other women authors she will not reveal the number of her own.

"My sales are moderate. I am not popular at all," she says, staring hard out of the window and she is in her black velvet armchair. She has started out of the window most of the time, except to take strands of cucumber and slices of tea.

"People either like my books very much or say they cannot read them. I have friends who read them who are sure wouldn't if they were not my friends."

At her feet a large square tapestry cushion is set. On it a dish of fruit.

"I have a greenage," she invites, "my greengrocer tells me they are French. They are not as good as English ones but English ones are never ripe. Oh, yes, I do my own shopping," she replies, "my maid has a big flat to keep clean."

"I have never lived abroad. I think it is always better to live in one's own country... I have known a French girl get expatriated but it never worked, they soon felt homesick for a penny. I think London is much nicer than Paris and much plainer to look at... I don't think I know any intimately."

Implicit

One does not have to have her better in and preference for English country life. It is implicit in everything she does and says.

"There is nothing better than an English country life. A small wall, but then one has them one's own. They ripen so to speak. And it is an Englishwoman's duty to wait for these intermittent rewards in a spirit of well-bred patience. I'm not minding my rent enormously."

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UP COUNTRY By THURLOW CRAIG

The day the squirrel chased the stoat

I LAY under a lenfy canopy through which dropped dappled sunlight, my intentions frankly lethal, for that morning a grey squirrel had attempted to force an entry into one of the grace and favour nests in the buttressed garden wall.

Furious and frantic this warned us of the outrage, and a well-aimed new potato sent the barbarian intruder flying.

Now, I was waiting under the squirrels' highway through the trees, thinking of this beautiful but alien menace.

The grey squirrel is not, as some declare, a "tree rat," proof of which can be seen in his heavily muscled and tremendously powerful arms, incorporating a carbonaceous skeleton to ours but lacking in grossed round. He is a true squirrel.

Unlike the harmless native red variety, the grey squirrel is savagely omnivorous. He loves any kind of egg, from that of a hen to a goose. He will eat young birds and wretchedly destroy the nests, while I have heard that in some counties he is driving rabbits wholesale from their burrows. If that be true it is a social, for you cannot control brush rabbits save by gun, snare and the barbarous gin trap.

The grey throws into battle every scrap of his furious energy

and ruthless strength, no matter whether it be against a wren gallantly defending her nest—or against a stoat.

One day, between the Marches and the western hills, an old countryman I knew was taking greys for the bounty, and suddenly heard a rattle in a rotten alder stump.



Vermin? They could be pests.

There was a frantic scuffling in a hole by the root, when a stoat dashed out with piercing screams of distress, followed at full pelt by a large grey squirrel. The stoat, much the worse for its life, and before my friend could shoot, both animals had vanished in the undergrowth.

These little aliens seem to be much more predatory in England than ever in their native

America, and if they're allowed to increase unchecked it would be disastrous.

They would seriously deplete our small bird population, causing incalculable harm to crops. For the little which small birds like that grows is for more than rapid by what they kill that crawls and flies.

Yet, though I class grey squirrels among the worst of vermin, I believe they can be tamed and would make charming pets. They are beautiful, graceful, and intelligent. They are small, would be cheap to keep, and are clean in their habits.

At this point in my musings a family of grey squirrels came into sight, ripping easily from branch to branch. I could not ruin such a picture with a shot. Instead, I lay still, watching. A young one slipped and fell ten feet before his clawing fingers hooked a branch, saving him from an awkward fall. A parent looked down with disapproving clicks, while the remaining youngsters seemed to be laughing their pretty heads off—until one caught sight of me and pointed in horrified surprise.

Then they were gone.

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From the Files

25 years ago

KCC's team to meet Mr. Hancock's XI: J.C. Lyle (Capt), F. Goodwin, E.C. Fincher, E.F. Fincher, G.C. Burnett, A.T. Lyle, W.C. Hung, J. Hunter, N.A.E. Mackay, F.S.V. Smith and F.E. Skinner.

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The King's Theatre (advertising itself then as "The most comfortable and the only 60-seater theatre in Hongkong") was showing "Disorderly Conduct" starring Sally Eilers, Spencer Tracy and El Brendel—"A dashing daring debutante whose escapades took her from the society columns to front page headlines."

BADMINTON in Hongkong was given a decided fillip when the Taikeo Recreation Club officially opened a badminton section on Friday evening, exhibition games being given by Denis H. Hazell and S.A. Gray.

In the Lawn Bowls League, the senior division standings were as follows: Craigengower 22 points, Club de Recreo, 17 points, Civil Service CC, 16 points, Kowloon Dock, 14 points, Kowloon CC, 14 points, Taikeo CC, 11 points, Police RC, six points and Kowloon BGC, four points. (Craigengower were also leading in the junior division with 22 points, with Yacht Club and Civil Service second with 18 points).

The Government Gazette gives full details of the conditions for tendering for the road transport service of the Colony for a period of 15 years from June 11, 1953. This is in accordance with the Government's published intention, last June and the conditions cover the terms announced at the time, such as the substitution of a royalty payment on the gross receipts, instead of the present seating tax, the control of fares, stopping places and timetables, the inclusion of maximum fares and the provision that all vehicles used shall be of British make. It was also stipulated that tenders would only be accepted from British subjects or firms or companies in which the majority of the partners or directors are British subjects, and on condition that the control will be in the Colony and essentially British.

Considerable alarm was created at Wanching shortly before three o'clock on Saturday afternoon, when a portion of an earth bank at the foot of which construction work was being carried out, slid down on to a number of workers. The incident occurred at the new Jockey Club stables. All the workers escaped injury except one who was treated for minor injuries.

On Saturday October 1, the Rev. L.N. Watkins and his family will sail for New Zealand after just over three years work in Hongkong. During this period as Priest-in-charge of St. Peter's Church, Mr. Watkins has been most successful in influencing a very considerable number of people who, before his coming were out of touch with the Church, states the Dean in St. John's Review. There are many who will always remember the help which he has given them.

General Chang Tung-chang, former Military Governor of Shantung Province, was cold bloodedly assassinated on Friday as he was entering a train at Tientsin, capital of Shantung, en route for Kiangsu. Three assistants were arrested. General Chang was described as one of the most picturesque warlords of modern China. He had the reputation of a ruthless administrator. His death was the result of a coup. One of the assassins said he was a nephew of General Chang. Chang-shen, executed at Tientsin in 1927 by Chang.